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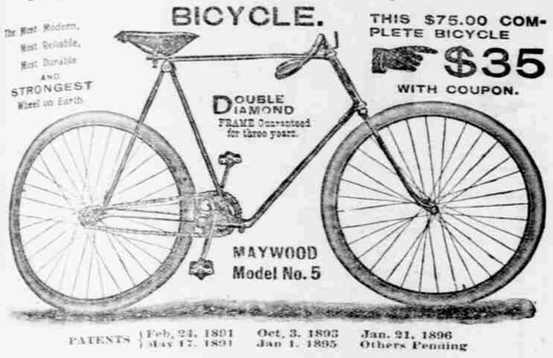

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HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF.

I.

"I am lonesome," said Susie to Robbie.
"Won't you go and play with me,
I have a play-house—a pretty play-house—
down under the old oak tree,
And my toys and dolls are all down there,
and oh! there are the prettiest leaves!
And Robbie, I found two sparrow's nests
too—old nests that dropped from the eaves,
And I fixed them up on some tiny shelves,
and oh! everything is so nice!
Won't you go down there and play with me?
If you will, I'll kiss you twice.

"I am lonesome by myself in the play-house,
And everything is so nice;
I think you might go play with me, Robbie,
If you will, I'll kiss you twice."

Then with boyish contempt he answered (she was six and he was eight),
"I don't care anything for your play-house,
and the sight of dolls I hate;
And your leaves and bird's nests are nothing if they do look so pretty and nice;
So I don't think I care to go with you, even though you would kiss me twice,"
Then her little lips quivered with anguish and the child's heart swelled with pain,
While the tears ran down the soft little cheeks.
He saw it, then answered again:

"Why, Susie, you know I was joking,
Don't cry, little sweetheart, Sue;
Let me get my rocky-horse and new toy gun,
And I'll play all day with you."

II.

The years had passed by all swiftly with their medley of pleasure and pain,
And one day I heard these low love words in the spot by the shaded lane:
"I am lonesome," said Robbie to Susie,
"won't you come and play with me"
I have built us a house, a pretty new house,
down under the old oak tree,
And 'tis fixed all snugly and neatly, 'tis cozy and cheerful and warm—
If you'll go I'll love you forever and protect and shield you from harm."

"I am lonesome by myself in the new house,
And 'tis cozy and cheerful and warm;
I think you might go and live with me, Susie,
And I'll love you and shield you from harm."

Then with woman's perverseness she answered the lover's plea of the man:
"I don't believe I'll go to your new house; I really don't see how I can.
And your neat, new rooms are nothing, if they do look so cozy and warm;
So I don't think I care to go with you, even though you would shield me from harm."
Then the man felt the thrill of anguish, the man's heart swelled with pain;
But she smiled as she looked toward him, then softly answered again:

"Why, Robbie, you know I was joking,
I am always your sweetheart true;
Let us set the wedding day, Robbie,
And I'll go and live with you."
—Finis Garrett, in Nashville Banner.

THE PRICE OF VANITY.

BY H. F. GRAVES.

I.

In an exquisite boudoir Cecile Chetwynde was sitting, one stormy winter night, languidly watching her rich cousin's toilet.

It was just such a place and scene as Cecile loved; yet she was only here on sufferance—a poor relation, tolerated with a sort of grudging hospitality.

And Mrs. Framley, her wealthy cousin, was a short, vulgar-looking woman—cross, ill-bred, ill-tempered and gaudily arrayed in ruby velvet.

"How strangely things are ordered!" Cecile could not help saying to herself, as she caught a reflection of her own cameo-like profile and aristocratic figure in an opposite mirror. "I should have been the child of wealth; she the toiler. But, never mind! I will yet compel Fortune to empty her golden coffers at my feet!"

"How do you like the red camellias in my hair, Cecile?" Mrs. Framley demanded. "No, Fanchon, not the diamonds, you goose! The rubies, to-night."

The trim little French maid tripped airily to the jewel casket to get out the great crimson rubies, that flashed in the gaslight like drops of blood; and Cecile, leaning back in her shell-shaped chair, thought secretly that her Cousin Barbara would look like a scarlet flamingo in her intensely-colored velvet and jewels, and complexion to match.

And so Mrs. Framley rolled away to the ball in her softly-cushioned carriage, well content with herself, and Cecile started out of her reverie.

"You may go, now, Fanchon," she said, "and you needn't sit up. I have letters to write, and I will attend to Mrs. Framley's toilet when she returns."

Fanchon lifted her dovelike eyes to Miss Chetwynde's imperially beautiful face.

"Shall I not remain to arrange the room, mademoiselle?" she inquired.

"No, no, no!" Cecile answered, impatiently. "The room is well enough, and I would rather be alone."

And not until Fanchon had vanished did she lift the scarlet Indian scarf which had fallen over the casket of diamonds, with a smile of triumph mantling her exquisite coral lips.

"I will wear them this once," she murmured, to herself. "Harold Disart shall see that I can grace his wealth like any princess. How they glitter! how they sparkle! Oh, will the time ever come when I, too, shall wear diamonds of my own?"

Swiftly and silently she hurried to her own room, carrying the precious casket of white velvet, lined with snow-pure satin, in her hands, and dressed herself in tarletan and clematic blossoms.

And while Mrs. Framley fondly imagined her young cousin was sleeping peacefully at home, and poor Fanchon supposed her to be writing letters, Cecile Chetwynde was gliding through the mazes of the redowa at a stately mansion in Belgravia, with Harold Disart's admiring eyes drinking in her Hebe-like loveliness, while on her brow and throat and marble-molded arms the diamonds shone and scintillated like threads and lines of fire.

II.

"But, Fanchon, it must have been you? Who else should it be? Confess quickly, and tell me what you have done with it? Why, child, the stones in that cardrop were worth £200."

Poor little Fanchon stood pale and trembling before her indignant mistress.

"Oh, madame, madame! Pray believe that I never beheld them!" she faltered, wringing her hands and looking wildly around her, as if apprehensive that the emissaries of the law might already be upon her.

"What nonsense!" cried Mrs. Framley, angrily. "Here's Cecile, who can bear witness that they were all here last night, when you brought them in, and no one but yourself has had access to them since! Of course it is you, and you only, who has stolen my diamond ring. I was a fool ever to employ a French maid—I've always heard that they are dishonest! Cecile, ring the bell! Send James for a policeman at once!"

Cecile Chetwynde, herself very pale, yet languidly self-possessed, pulled the silken rope.

Fanchon de Lisle clasped her hands and fell at the portly lady's feet.

"Oh, madame, spare me! Do not bring this disgrace—this unmerited shame—on me and mine! Oh, madame, I am as innocent as yourself!" she cried.

Mrs. Framley jerked her skirts from the French girl's clasp.

"You shall prove that in a court of justice," she said, harshly. "A policeman! Why does not some one bring a policeman?"

The words had scarcely passed her lips when Fanchon de Lisle fell, white and lifeless, to the floor, her luxurious jet black hair escaping from its bands, and falling, like a veil, over her ashen-pale face.

"She is fainting," said Cecile, with a quiver in her voice.

"She is dead, ma'am," said Mrs. Hoyle, the motherly old housekeeper. "It's the heart—she was always complaining of pains round the heart. You've frightened her to death, ma'am!"

"Don't be a fool, Hoyle!" cried Mrs. Framley, clutching nervously at her throat. "It's only a swoon. Get some camphor, somebody. Oh, here comes the officer!"

But it was no gruff-voiced policeman who was ushered into Mrs. Framley's boudoir—only Harold Disart, who looked around him with a puzzled countenance.

"Pray pardon me," he said, with a courteous bow in Mrs. Framley's direction. "I fear I am intruding; but I will detain you only for an instant. I have come to return the diamond earring Miss Chetwynde lost last night at Mrs. Fontaine's party. It was found in the conservatory, close to the big palm where I brought you that last ice, Miss Chetwynde."

Cecile grew scarlet, then pale, as Mr. Disart laid the glittering ornament beside her on the table. She shrank from her cousin's eye even while she strove to mutter some faint formula of thanks.

"The diamond that Cecile Chetwynde lost!" Mrs. Framley shrilly ejaculated, beginning to comprehend the true situation of affairs. "Cecile Chetwynde at Mrs. Fontaine's party last night! Base girl! How dared you deceive me thus? You have been flaunting in my diamonds! You have been systematically acting a false part! Wretch, viper! I will no longer have you in my house!"

Mr. Disart looked from the infuriated matron to the shrinking girl, in surprise and perplexity; but there were half a score of voices ready to enlighten him on the matter.

Cecile buried her face in her hands.

"I—I meant no harm," she faltered. "It was only for once."

"And you would have let this poor child suffer for your fault?" Harold Disart exclaimed, reproachfully. "Oh, Miss Chetwynde! how completely you have blinded me up to this time!"

And he turned away, in cold anger and ill-concealed disgust.

At that instant the experienced old physician whom the servants had summoned glanced up from his examination.

"It will matter little to this girl," he said, quietly, "what the world may say of her henceforth. She has gone to a greater tribunal to plead her poor little cause!"

He spoke truly.

Fanchon de Lisle was dead.

The burial certificate called it "heart disease," and they buried her in a lonely cemetery in a strange land, where no tender hand could hang garlands on her tombstone. But Cecile Chetwynde, albeit she bears a brave front before the world, feels that she walks ever with the crimson stain of murder on her slender white hand!

And sometimes she wishes it were she lying under the daisies where Fanchon sleeps.—N. Y. Weekly.

Cost of a Cardinal's Hat.

The red hat of a cardinal costs him more money than kings pay for any except their very best crowns. Before accepting it the grateful prelate must make offerings to the the propaganda and to his titular church at Rome, and pay fees to a long list of officials, ranging from chamberlains at the vatican down to the cooks and sweepers and the soldiers of the Swiss guards. Indeed, the new cardinal has to pay fees at every step from the moment of his creation to the occasion of his receiving the red hat in public consistory, and when all is over and done finds himself out of pocket to the extent of $2,500 at least. If the cardinal is without means to defray the cost of his elevation, and if he is to reside in Rome, the vatican is ready to make him a loan to be repaid in installments out of his yearly allowances.

Evading the Rule.

One of the regulations at the new Congressional library in Washington is that visitors must carry no parcels into the building. So says the Post, of that city, and then goes on to relate an amusing occurrence: A rather tall, broad shouldered young woman arrived at the door of the library, having in her hand a neat brown paper package. "No bundles are allowed inside the building," said the attendant. "You must leave it here till you come out." The young woman objected. The man said it was the rule. The young woman said it was absurd. The man was firm. He must obey orders. The young woman hesitated; then she undid the parcel, hung several pairs of black hose over her arm, handed the man the paper, and said: "There, you may keep that until I come out."

Not That Kind.

A gentleman at dinner ordered champagne. By accident an empty bottle was placed upon the table by the waiter. After examining it carefully, turning it round and round and upside down, the diner returned it to the waiter and calmly remarked: "I didn't order it extra dry."

DUCK SHOOTING MADE EASY.

How a Millionaire Bags the Game Without Firing His Gun.

There is a man in this city who has the wealth of a millionaire and the instincts of a sporting man. Being able to gratify the instincts, he had bought a patch of river land in the neighborhood of a duck colony, and there established an exclusive shooting ground.

Now, everybody does not know this. People generally believe that Mr. Millionaire is as mighty a hunter as Mr. Nimrod of Biblical fame.

But here is the secret of this fortunate sport, as related by an eye-witness. An old French hunter is employed on the island, and what Pere Pirault doesn't know about duck shooting isn't worth knowing. He has an unerring eye and a dilapidated old gun that will bring down more birds at a shot than the best shotgun in the hands of a sportsman, for that gun of Pere's never missed a bird in its career. The usual form of dialogue between Mr. Millionaire and his hunter is here reproduced:

"Dere eez one duck, Meester M."

"I don't see it, Pere."

"Non? You no zee dat duck? Dat is so. H'it make not varry plain. Mysef, I show h'it, Meester M.," and Pere gets behind the elegant new shotgun and the amateur sportsman.

Bang, bang! Only one gun goes off, but that is Pere's, and more than one duck falls inert.

"You shoot dem duck, Meester M.," says Pere, innocently. "H'it was a great shoot—pour vous."

The sarcasm of a foreign tongue is lost on Mr. Millionaire. Pere loads up and gives his old gun her head again, and more birds are slaughtered. And it is confidently believed that Mr. M.'s new shotgun has never been fired within the memory of man.—Chicago Times-Herald.

THE RUNAWAY STAR.

Traveling Through Space at the Rate of Two Hundred Miles a Second.

The greatest velocity that has been recognized among the stars is found in the motion of a star known as 1830 Groombridge, or the runaway star, as it is sometimes called, which is believed to be rushing through space at the rate of 200 miles per second. This star appears to be moving in a perfectly straight line through the sky, and it may be visiting our star system for the first time, but whence it comes or whither it is going no one can tell and it is a great enigma to the astronomers.

Its wonderful velocity cannot be explained, as it is far greater than could be produced by the influence of all known orbs in the universe, and, on the other hand, the combined attraction of all the other stars cannot stop this wanderer in its solitary flight through space, until it has reached on to the remoter distances, beyond which the largest telescopes have never penetrated.

It has been mathematically demonstrated that a body approaching the center of our system from an infinite distance cannot move with a greater velocity than 25 miles a second. If influenced by the attraction of the masses in our universe alone, but here we have been considering a star moving with eight times that velocity and still, notwithstanding the fact that it has the greatest motion known among the stars, it would require 185,000 years for this remarkable star to complete an entire circuit around the heavens.—Chicago News.

SHOTS AT FAIR WOMEN.

Convict—"I'm in here for having five wives." Visitor—"How are you enjoying your liberty?"—London Figaro.

A girl's idea of a pretty wedding dress is one that cannot possibly be of any use to a woman after she has married.—Washington Post.

"Was the brute who struck his wife punished by the court?" "No, when it came to the trial the woman would not acknowledge herself beaten." — Tit-Bits.

"Every man has his price." "Certainly. But if he wants woman to consider it he ought to knock off two cents from the even dollar."—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Mrs. Wickwire—"These clairvoyants' advertisements are so ridiculous. Here is one that begins, 'Mme. X—— tells everything.' The idea." Mr. Wickwire—"Tells everything? Any woman can do that."—Indianapolis Journal.

There is nothing on earth that gives the average male mortal more satisfaction than to see a thin man arise and offer his seat in a street car to a fat woman, especially if he has been sitting between two other women.—N. Y. Commercial.

"How did your wife catch that terrible cold?" "Sh! A new family moved into the house next door on one of the coldest days last week. If you or I had stood beside an open window all afternoon we'd simply be dead."—Cleveland Leader.

"I've missed more fun this summer than you could shake your tail at," mused the bull. "How?" asked the family horse. "To-day for the seventeenth time I let one of these new women get almost across the field before I realized she wasn't a man."—Pearson's Weekly.

Lowest Lying Land in England.

The marshy district called "The Fens," which occupies the northern half of Cambridgeshire, the southeastern corner of Lincolnshire, and parts of Norfolk, Suffolk, Huntington and Northampton, extending 50 miles from north to south and 30 miles in its greatest breadth, and covering an area of 750,000 acres, is the lowest land in this country. The surface of "The Fens" is, on the average, eight feet below the level of the North sea, varying from four feet to 16 feet below the level of high-water mark.—Tit-Bits.

The Queen's Preacher.

Etiquette is to be observed in preaching before the queen. No personal reference to her majesty is permissible, a pure Gospel discourse being the rule, delivered as though she was not present. Many have tried to evade these rules. The queen likes and enjoys a plain, practical discourse, selected from the lessons or Gospel of the day, to occupy about 20 minutes in delivery. Questions of the day, and, above all, politics, must be entirely excluded.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

HOW POLLY PROPOSED.

"Hi! Hi! All right! All right! Now we sha'n't be long!" said the gray parrot.

I regret to say that the irrepressible young man that brings the daily milk is the tutor of my parrot in the latest up-to-date slang of the day.

I am an old sea-captain-at least, not old, perhaps the word slipped out unawares. I am the right side of 50, anyhow; but being in receipt of a pension and a small private income to boot, I have cast anchor in my present abode in the expectation of weathering many a winter's storm yet.

Being without a known relation in the world, I willingly fell in with the suggestion that I should pick up my moorings alongside my old friend and messmate, Capt. Travers, late R. N., who, having left one of his legs on the west coast of Africa while capturing a slaver, was pensioned off at an even earlier age than myself, and now lived with his sister — a most comfortable party, fat, fair and 40 or thereabouts—in the adjoining house to mine in the neighborhood of London. We had always got on well together, our tastes and dispositions were similar, and we had often met during our naval careers. His sister I had not previously been acquainted with, but, being in many respects like her brother, we were soon firm friends.

Capt. Travers and myself had each a favorite parrot—his the common African gray, with a red-tipped tail, and mine the purer variety, without a trace of color, but otherwise similar.

I had not long settled down in my new quarters, and got everything shipshape, or what seemed so to me—a very important difference, as I know to-day—when, almost unconsciously at first, I began to feel what a lonely old bachelor I was, and what a set-off to all my other belongings the figure of Miss Rachel Travers would be by my fireside. But just here the curse of my life began to make itself felt. Inherent shyness in the presence of the opposite sex has dogged my footsteps from my earliest recollections. Give me a gale of wind in the Bay of Biscay, a tornado in the tropics, or 20 hours' duty on deck, wet through to the skin, and Capt. Manley, late of the P. and O. service, will thank you for it, and consider life well worth living; but as dispenser of delicate attentions to the fair sex, intensely as he inwardly admires their pretty ways, Capt. Manley does not, no, he certainly does not, show up to advantage.

Although fond of pets generally, I have an antipathy to cats, especially at night. I am not aware that our neighborhood was particularly beneficial in its aspect or other qualifications to feline constitution, but I know that until I was inhuman enough to start an air-gun cannonade on my numerous nocturnal visitors, I was frequently unable to get a respectable night's rest. One infernal black and white Tom defied my finest efforts. If average cats have nine lives, I am sure this one must have had 19, and I began to wonder what sort of uncanny being this was that had no objection to letting my bullets pass apparently through its body without suffering any inconvenience. But after all it must have been my bad marksmanship, for one afternoon I saw my enemy quietly walking up the low fence that divided my back garden from Capt. Travers'.

The opportunity was too good to be lost, and quietly getting my air-gun, I took a steady aim and fired. There was no mistake this time, and without a sound poor puss dropped on to my flower-bed as dead as the proverbial door nail.

My exultation, however, was of short duration, for to my horror and dismay, on proceeding to pick up his unfortunate carcass and give it decent burial, I saw that my shot had passed right through the unlucky animal and killed my neighbor's parrot, which had been put out to sun itself in a little summer-house that stood at the bottom of the garden.

I was staggered at my position; I knew the parrot was a supreme favorite with Miss Travers, and how I could ever explain my carelessness I could not imagine. Suddenly a way out of my dilemma presented itself to my mind, and I hastened to put it into execution. I knew that the Travers were out, and would not be back for some little time, so hurrying indoors and taking my own parrot from its cage, I carefully painted the end of its tail with red ink in imitation of its deceased comrade, and finding no one was about, I stepped lightly over the fence and substituted the living for the dead bird, which I buried, together with the cat, in my own garden. I knew that my parrot would not readily talk before strangers, and I hoped that by the time it had got used to its new surroundings, it would have forgotten its former accomplishments; at any rate, I must risk it.

Alas! "Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown," sang some poet, who, I expect, never wore anything harder than a nightcap, but, true as it may be, compared to the torture of my mind, now launched on a course of duplicity, it would be a bed of roses.

It was towards the end of the following week that I happened to be out in the garden and saw my old friend come stumping down the path of his own garden in his dot-and-carry-one style, and, seeing me on the fence, he cried:

"Holloa! captain, you're quite a stranger! What's been up? Rachel has been talking about coming in to inquire about your health, as she was afraid something must be wrong."

"Yes, I have been a bit poorly," said I. Oh! how easily the words slipped out, although I had been as right as ninepence—why that particular sum should be ended with more rectitude than its fellows I have never been able to discover—this by the way.

"A bit of cold, perhaps," said Capt. Travers. "Well, come over the fence and have a dish of tea in the summer-house, and Rachel shall come in afterwards and make you a good glass of something stiff for a night-cap."

Punctually at five o'clock I donned my sprucest attire, and with a smart flower in my button-hole—gay dog that I was—slipped over the fence. Miss Rachel was there, looking as fresh as a spring cabbage with the dew on it, which I consider a very pretty simile, and she bade me welcome with one of her beaming smiles. There, too, was the unlucky parrot in its cage, and standing just outside the summer-house. I had noticed that it had been set out to sun itself us usual on all fine days, and as far as I could see nothing had transpired to make me think they had any cause to suspect my imposition.

I purposely sat with my back to it, and avoided taking notice of it in any way whatever.

Tea went off all right; my old friend was very cheery and Miss Rachel showed me great attention. I could hear Polly rubbing her beak up and down the wires of the cage, and swinging backwards and forwards in the metal ring.

After the meal Capt. Travers went indoors to get his supply of necessaries for the evening, and, turning to me, Miss Travers commenced:

"By-the-by, Capt. Manley, how is your parrot? I have not seen it out in the garden lately."

I felt my heart beating a bit faster, but with every semblance of outward calm, I said:

"No—the fact is, it's not been at all well; in fact, it's dead."

"Dead!" she exclaimed. "Well, I never. What did it die of?"

"I really don't know," I replied. "It died quite suddenly about a week ago."

"I hope our Polly isn't going to follow suit," she continued. "She has been very dull and quiet the last few days, but seems a bit more lively this evening. I don't think she has spoken a word all the week."

"Thank goodness!" I inwardly ejaculated.

Things were beginning to look a bit awkward, and I cast about for something to change the course of conversation. I am not a quick thinker, however, and before I could collect my wits, Miss Travers continued:

"Dear, dear, to think your poor Polly's dead! Well, I am sorry! I sould be sorry to lose you, Polly dear," she said, addressing the parrot. "But really, Capt. Manley," looking me straight in the face, "I can't make our Pollyout. Sometimes I could almost believe she was a different bird. She hasn't once seemed pleased to see me all the week."

I felt the blood rapidly rising to my cheeks and forehead, but I trusted to my tanned complexion for it not to show. I feebly replied: "Perhaps she's moulting."

It was an unlucky slip. "Well, now I come to think," said Miss Travers, "I noticed that its tail looked much paler after its bath the other morning, and the water was quite red. Is that a sign of moulting?"

"Yes, I often used to notice it about my own parrot."

"But I thought your bird had no red about it," she pursued.

"Confound the woman's persistence," I thought, but I stammered: "I mean—that is to say—you see—I've noticed it in all red parrots I have ever come across. They shouldn't be bathed at all, it injures their constitution."

"Oh! I thought you recommended it," she said.

So I had, dozens of times. "Only for the gray ones," I said, forming a convenient distinction on the spur of the moment.

Miss Travers did not seem inclined to pursue the subject further, much to my satisfaction, and then there was a dead pause.

During the whole of our conversation the subject of it had not ceased to continue its antics in the wire cage. Whether it was the sound of my voice that caused it to be thus excited I do not know, but at this opportunity it burst in with "Hi, hi!"

I was getting desperate, and could think of nothing to change the subject; and yet if I didn't say something I was terribly afraid the parrot would. A bicycle bell sounded down the road.

"Are you thinking of getting a bicycle, Miss Travers?" I said.

"No, certainly not," she replied; "how can you ask such a question?"

Another awful pause, during which I mopped the perspiration from my brow.

"Ra—Ra—Rachel, I love you!" came in clear tones from behind my back. The wretched bird had caught the exact tone of my voice.

"Capt. Manley! Sir!" said Miss Travers, raising herself to her full five feet one and one-half inches. "Did you address that remark to me, sir?"

I had, however, utterly collapsed, and burying my head in my hands, I leaned down on the little round table. Whether the sight of the poor old ship in distress touched her tender heart I don't know, but she added, in softer tones:

"This is very unexpected, Capt. Manley."

I could hold out no longer.

"Miss Rachel," I cried, "I'm a thundering old hypocrite. My parrot isn't dead at all; there it is in that cage; it's yours that's dead; I shot it. I didn't mean to. Can you forgive me for all the lies I told you?"

"All right! All right!" said the solemn voice of the parrot behind me.

"It was Polly that made that remark just now, not I; but, believe me, she speaks the truth, if I don't. Rachel, I do really love you."

I ventured to look up. Tears were standing in her eyes, and the expression on her face made me hope that I did not look quite such a big booby in her eyes as I felt I did in my own.

Moving nearer, I clasped her hand, and as it was not withdrawn, I put one arm gently round her ample waist.

"Now we shan't be long," said the gray parrot.—Tit-Bits.

Mourning for a Chinese Ruler.

When a Chinese emperor dies the intelligence is announced by dispatches to the several provinces, written with purple ink, the mourning color. All persons of rank are required to take red silk ornaments from their caps, with the ball or button of rank; all subjects of China, without exception, are called upon to forbear shaving their heads for 100 days, within which period none may marry, play upon musical instruments or perform any sacrifice.

Mourning Color in Brazil.

At the funeral of an unmarried woman in Brazil scarlet is the mourning hue. The coffin, the hearse, the trappings of the horses and the livery of the driver must be scarlet.

FOR PUZZLED HOUSEKEEPERS.

Sharpen all kinds of fish sauce with lemon juice.

When using vanilla for flavoring add half a teaspoonful of peach extract.

A dash of black pepper greatly improves vanilla ice cream.

Put plenty of salt pork into veal loaf, for it is one of the best seasonings.

Put sugar in water used for basting meats of all kinds—it adds a flavor, especially to veal.

Boston baked beans can be greatly improved by adding a cup of sweet cream the last hour of baking.

Add a cup of good cider vinegar to the water in which you boil fish, especially if it is a salt fish.

Make snowcake with arrowroot flour and you will be surprised at the difference.

When baking fish place on top thin slices of salt pork; it bastes the fish and improves the flavor.

When making crabapple jelly put in some sticks of cinnamon and a little lemon.

To give an appetizing flavor to a broiled beefsteak rub a cut onion over the hot platter with the butter.

Three tablespoonfuls of freshly-made Japan tea with a pinch of nutmeg imparts an indescribable flavor to apple pie.

To improve sweetbreads and give them a fine flavor soak them in mild lemon juice water an hour and then boil 20 minutes in beef stock.

Chocolate is greatly improved by adding a teacupful of strong coffee just before serving; a teaspoonful of sherry also helps.

FADS AND FANCIES.

Moire effects appear in silk, wool and velvet.

The smaller dress skirts bring trimmings in their wake.

All sorts of collars, pelerines and small shoulder capes of fur are worn.

Attractive toilet sets come in canary yellow opaque glass set in silver.

Heavy English brocades and rich embroidered velvets are used for evening dresses.

A novelty in muffs is long and flat, with sable on one side and chinchilla on the other.

The tiny empire fan dangling from a chain puts the finishing touch on an evening toilet.

Among modern table requisites are high chocolate cups, of peculiar shape and decorated rococo style.

The new photograph frames in Venetian glass afford exquisite effects in delicately tinted flowers and foliage.

No one style of hairdressing prevails, but the pompadour effect in front and a soft knot at the back seems to lead.

Souvenir floral and calendar spoons, always in demand, assume increased importance as the holidays draw near.

Silver tableware this season is characterized by elegance of form, chaste ornamentation and skillful workmanship.

Silver-plated pudding and pie dishes

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FRIDAY, - - - - - JANUARY 29, 1897.

A HAZELTON paper says: In the Pennsylvania legislature are to be found one gambler, one baseball umpire, one preacher, eight men who declare they are gentlemen nineteen without occupations, twenty-seven lawyers and one pugilist. Of the members three were convicted of larceny, one was tried for murder and acquited, three have been in insane asylums, while eight have been at Keely cures and four are divorced.

AT the banquet of the Ohio legislature, on Friday night last, Mr. Hanna was called upon to speak to the toast: "Ohio, the mother of presidents— How They are Made." The sentiment will grate on the sensibilities of those who think that presidents, like poets, are born, not made. But Mr. Hanna knows that Ohio presidents have to be made, and hand made at that, although a great deal of "machine" work is involved in the process.

THERE is a considerable surplus of butter produced by the farmers in the state of Pennsylvania. More might be produced and sold at a profit if they should pay proper attention to quality and seek with due dilligence the markets that are open to them. Should the State Grange put a little of the energy in its exhibits in making war upon oleomargarine into an effort to introduce our fine butter in near-by foreign markets the best results might be anticipated.

THE next administration intends to change the tariff in order to subsidize the trusts that elected it. The chances that it will proceed at law against the monopolists are not worth taking into consideration. Aside from a bluff or two, it will, do nothing to hamper its friends and proprietors. It will be a great surprise if it does not give the Sugar trust and the other combines all that is demanded,

Nothing can be done to rescue the people from the clutches of the plutocrats until the next national election. In the meantime the people will have to grin and bear it.

As a result of the visit Saturday of Judge Gordon of the Philadelphia bench and a party of lawyers, physicians and others to the state hospital for the criminal insane at Matteawan, N. Y. a bill will shortly be introduced in the legislature providing for the erection of a similar institution in Pennsylvania. Judge Gordon says that the bill will be prepared at once and introduced at the present session of the legislature in order that the criminal insane of this commonwealth may be taken from the penitentiaries and jails, and properly provided for in an institution to be erected specially for them.

THE earliest of the Quay sham reform bills rattled safely through the senate last week and was making some headway in the house when Representative Stewart thrust a knife into it. This was an alleged plan to "investigate" the state treasury and the auditor general's office. The investigation proposed would have amounted to nothing, and was simply a trick to prevent or postpone a real investigation. The members who do not want to be fooled by the Quay tricks must be constantly alert. There is no rascal more dangerous than one working under the guise of a reformer.

IN North Dakota, Monday, the thermometer registered 30 below zero, and 30 was the lowest at Minneapolis, while at Quincy, Ill, the Mississippi river is frozen so solidly that teams cross on the ice. In Texas the cattle are freezing to death, and in Lexington, Ky., a negro woman met a like fate. Her two little children were discovered in time to save their lives. Another dispatch from Bismarck, N. D., states that the storm was the worst on record. There is much suffering among farmers and others exposed to the storm's fury and many have perished The loss of cattle on the ranches will be frightful.

IT is more vital to the public, says the Philadelphia *Ledger*, to check the encroachments and oppression of monopoly than to lay a tax, imposed incidentally or deliberately, to benefit the combination of American sugar refiners, What scandal there was in the passage of the present revenue act was concentrated around and about the sugar schedule.

The people will demand a rigid accounting of congress, and with respect to tariff legislation they will insist that no tax shall be levied to foster trusts or promote monopolies. One safe and certain rule for congress to observe is that of putting upon the free list every manufactured product, foreign competition with which is hindered by duties.

THE legislators are with us again, says the Harrisburg *Patriot*. But they have no thought of getting down to work. They are here as a matter of form. The most of them are here to oblige Senator Quay. Their constituencies have not been thought of.

The legislators will not remain at the capital this week. The committees are not yet fixed. Those who are to be honored or rewarded are numerous and many of them hard to satisfy. It will take some time to drive certain big pegs into small holes and to fill up big holes into which small pegs have dropped. Further, a great deal of "reform" has been promised and each committee must be so carefully arranged that it will be barely possible for any of these pledges to be kept.

There is now every likelihood of a long session. It may also become a very interesting one.

STATEMENTS put forth a few weeks ago, says the Pittsburg *Post*, that there would be great destitution and suffering in Chicago this winter are confirmed by actual conditions now existing in that city. Deaths by exposure and starvation are reported. The number of the unemployed, even among the skilled workmen, is unprecedently large. "Bread riots" are spoken of as probable. The conditions in some parts of the city are said to be apalling. The Chicago people are liberal and are adopting organized measures to meet the distress in the most effective way. There is much suffering in all nothern cities, intensified by the extreme cold weather. The picture presented in yesterday's *Post* of the want and privation in Pittsburg, and partciularly on the Southside, should prompt our own citizens to measures of relief. The police authorities report many thousands of people in that part of the city on the verge of starvation. It is probably an exaggerated statement that "half the people of the Southside are starving," as reported by the police inspector of that district, but still it is to be remembered that the police have the best opportunities of learning the facts as they exist. The applications for relief come from honest and hard-working people who would be the last to ask relief unless forced to do so by the spur of extreme necessity. It would be well to extend the scope of our organized charities and prepare for what may be times of extreme need, with many thousands calling for public aid.

The New York *Tribune* says that at no time within the memory of the present generation has the number of unemployed been so great in New York as this winter, and never before has the strain on public and private charity been so severe. It speaks of "broadcloth destitution," and says that it is not merely the laboring class who are suffering, but large numbers of others, who may be described as professional men, the clreks, the salesmen, the architects, and the literary men. Speaking of the vast amount of sympathy devoted to the Sing Sing convicts, who have been deprived of the opportunity of working, and are therefore in danger of insanity, the *Tribune* says: "It may be questioned whether the first duty of the people of New York is not toward those of their more honest and honorable fellow-citizens whose enforced idleness, due to their inability to find employment, is driving them to the verge of insanity—an insanity caused not so much by the brooding over their own unhappy lot as by the spectacle of their wives and little ones literally starving before their eyes."

A BILL has been prepared by Representative Wm. W. McElheny, of Pittsburg, against the "treating" habit," which he will present at Harrisburg The title of this proposed law is: "An act to prohibit any person or persons from paying for or promising to pay for, any spirituous, vinous, malt or brewed liquor, or any admixture that was, or is to be supplied, furnished or delivered to or for the use of any other person or persons." and it applies to barkeepers furnishing such drinks as well as consumers buying.

It is further provided that it be unlawful for any person to pay for any food "of whatever kind, with which such liquor is or or may be supplied or given away, for the use of any other person."

The punishment provided for violation of this law is a fine not more than $100 nor less than $25, on an imprisonment of not more than six months or not less than one month or both.

Representative McElheny stated that he had long considered the habit of treating, as a great evil and thinks it should be stopped.

EVEN the exports of American wool and woolens are beginning to look up under the present tariff. During the eleven months ended November 30, 1896, the exports of wool amounted in value to $927,372—a gain of nearly 50 per cent. over the exports during the corresponding months in 1895. In the eleven months of 1896 the exports of manufactures of woolens amounted in value to $876,124, against $634,000 during the corresponding period in 1895. This, it is true, is only a beginning; yet it will compare favorably with the beginnings of exports of American leather and its manufactures after hides had been put on the free list. But there is no reason to doubt that if the tariff should be let alone there would be a great expansion of the export trade in wool and woolens in a few years. Is it the fear that wool, like hides, would belie the assertions of the protectionists which causes so much haste to tinker with the tarff?

THE following is an interesting comparison taken from *Press and Printer*: "Suppose that a farmer raises 1,000 bushels of wheat a year, and also sells this to 1,000 persons in all parts of the country, a greaf portion of them saying: 'I will hand you a dollar in a short time.' The farmer does not want to be small and says 'all right.' Soon the 1,000 bushels are gone and nothing to show for it, and he then realizes that he has fooled away his crop, and its value is due in a thousand little driblets. Subsequently he is seriously embarrassed in business, because his debtors each owing him one dollar, treat it as a small matter, and think it would not help much. Continue this year in and year out, as the publisher of a newspaper does. how long would he stand it?"

ACCORDING to Comptroller Roberts, 3,000,000,000 worth of personal property escapes taxation in New York state every year; and as a remedy for this condition of affairs he proposes a graded inheritance tax. But why wait till the tax dodgers die before making them pay their share for the blessings of good government, while the men who own little mortgaged homes are given few days of grace?

Wasington Letter.

Washington, January 22nd, 1897. Senator Cameron who has only a few weeks more of public life and who considers himself entirely out of politics and who consequently doesn't care whose political toes he treads on, is doing some very plain talking—like his father, the late Simon Cameron, he has an expressive vocabulary—about the flipflop certain Republican senators have turned on his Cuban resolution He is especially bitter against John Sherman, who he says assured him before he was compelled to accept the position of secretary of state in McKinley's cabinet that he was for his resolution and who has since then used his influence among senators who wish to be solid with McKinley against the resolution so industriously that if the resolution was now brought to a vote it would probably be defeated.

A Washington real estate agent said, speaking about John Sherman and how he acquired some of his wealth: "It may be only a coincidence, but it reminded me of a former transaction of the wily Sherman when I saw that just about the time it become certain that he was to be the next secretary of state he took out a permit for the erection of a block of dwelling houses in East Washington. When he became secretary of the treasury under Hayes he built a block of houses in an undesirable section of East Washington and they were all sold to employes of the treasury. I cannot say, of course, that Mr. Sherman made those Treasury employes buy undesirable houses at a big price, but you can imagine how it worked when the real estate agent who handled the property approached a treasury employe with a proposition to buy one of these houses, which everybody knew belonged to the secretary of the treasury, and gave him a gentle hint to the effect that the secertary would not be likely to discharge a clerk who was buying one of his houses. I shall keep my eye on those houses Mr. Sherman is now having built. I have a curiosity to know whether any of them will be bought by state department employes.

Czar Reed is nearer to having an open revolt on his hands than at any period since he became the autocrat of the house. A respectful petition signed by 208 members of the house has been presented to him asking him to suspend his arbitrary rule against public building bills and to allow a time to be set for the consideration of 22 of those bills now on the calendar. He intimated quite plainly to the committee which presented the petition that he didn't wish to grant the request, although he took it under advisement. If he grants this request, there will be plain sailing for him, and not much show for the bills to get through the senate during the remaining time of this session; if he refuses it, there may be a very lively row. 208 members—almost two-thirds of the house, can easily uncrown the Czar, if so disposed.

The members of the house committee on public lands declined to follow the wishes of Speaker Reed concerning the Free Homestead bill. The bill has been reported to the house just as it was amended by the senate and the house will be given an opportunity to vote on the senate amendments, just as it might have done when the bill first came back from the senate had not Speaker Reed ordered the bill referred to the committee, The committee refused even to accept an amendment, exempting from the operation of the bill the lands which the government is selling as trustee for the Indians.

Representative Swanson, of Va., one of the most prominent of the younger Democrats in the house has this to say in a public interview about the future of the Democratic party. It is to-day stronger and more compact, more aggressive and buoyant than any defeated party ever was before. Without intimidation, coercion, or corruption a vast majority of the voters of this country today are in accord with it. Having divorced itself from the present administration, it is building near the affections and the interests of the masses. The Democratic party will continue its aggressive fight for both gold and silver as legal tender money and against special privileges to trusts, combines and corporations. Those who failed to act with us in the last election will most of them return to the party. Many have already done so. No concessions in principles or policies will be made, though, to gain the support of these. Shorn of their power of patronage and discredited as loyal Democrats those who do not return will not be potential for evil in the future. The Democracy proposes to beat no retreat from the advance grounds it has taken." M.

Snow Storm in England.

London, January 24. The snow storm which began on Friday continues and is causing many interruptions of travel and other inconveniences. Many sheep and other small animals have perished and the losses sustained by farmers and others will be quite heavy. The snow is so deep in some places that a number of trains have been blocked. The heavy wind, which accompanied the snow storm, has done considerable damage along the coast. Some of the fishing boats which have arrived at Lowestoft report the loss by drowning of several of their crews. A number of boats were quite badly damaged in the buffetings they received while trying to make port. Quantities of wreckage are being washed ashore on the Norfolk coast. indicating the loss of some vessel or vessels at sea.

She Lived on Ocean Liners.

Chicago, Ill., January 24.—Mrs. Elijah Carson, who had crossed the ocean 250 times and had never missed a trip on the Lucania since that vessel was launched, died on Friday at Anamosa, Iowa, aged 74. For thirty years she has been traveling continually across the Atlantic. until she had become intimately acquainted with all the prominent people who are in the habit of visiting Europe.

She was the wife of Elijah Carson, of Belfast, and the sister of William B. Newell, a millionaire, of Nashville, Tenn. The latter died in 1866, leaving her half a million, which gave her ample means to follow her fancy for ocean sailing. She had a special affection for Captain McKay and the officers of the Lucania, and is said to have left them substantial legacies.

To Avenge Maceo's Death,

Oakland, Cal., January 23.—A young man known as Maria Maceo and said to be a nephew of the late Cuban general, Antonio Maceo, has disappeared from here and is supposed to be on his way to Cuba to join the insurrection. A dispatch from the east announced that the Cuban junta had learned of the whereabouts of the young Cuban and had telegraphed him to come to New York. It is said that young Maceo is on his way to New Orleans, where he intends raising volunteers to aid him in avenging the assassination of his illustrious uncle.

Highest of all in Leavening Power.—Latest U. S. Gov't Report

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Wide Range of the Cold Wave.

Chicago, Ill., January 24.—Intensely cold weather has prevailed throughout the West and Northwest during the last 24 hours In the region surrounding St. Paul 25 degrees below zero was reported. The range was from that figure to 30 below at St. Cloud, 36 below at Aitkin and 40 below at St. Hilaire.

There are no reports in yet of people freezing to death, though suffering in the country must have been very great Indications point to a further drop in the temperature of at least 10 degrees to-night.

Railway traffic is everywhere greatly retarded Around Aberdeen, Huron Milbank and Wilmet, S. D., no effort has been made for two days past to clear the tracks, owing to very high winds, and the cuts are now full to the brim Reports from points along the Missouri River indicate that there will be heavy mortality among cattle and sheep in that section.

The mercury has dropped forty-five degrees in Nebraska in the past twenty-four hours. Much loss of stock is feared on the range. Throughout Illinois, Iowa, Michigan and Wisconsin, the mercury has fallen from 5 to 15 degrees below zero, and in many sections snow has fallen.

Killed by a Doctor.

Columbus, Ga., January 24.—The wife of Dr. John C. Hardy, of Wisdom's Store, in Harris county, put up a brave defense against a black burglar during the early hours of Saturday morning Her husband had been called away professionally about 1 o'clock in the morning, returning an hour later to find a man doing his best to enter his house The burglar broke and ran upon seeing the doctor, but he was not to get away so easily. Mrs. Hardy, who had held him at bay by the use of her revolver, but without striking him, had reloaded in time to rush out and hand the revolver to her husband. He began peppering away at the retreating figure, and the fifth bullet brought the man to the ground and when the doctor reached him he was dead.

The victim was found to be John Sledge, a desperate character, who has been the principal in many crimes. It is believed that the call for the doctor's services was made by Sledge himself.

Brutal Assault on a Teacher.

Williamsport, Pa., January 23. Miss Stevens, a school teacher of Cherry Hill township, this county, was made the victim of a fiendish assault Thursday, and as a consequence is lying in a critical condition at her home. The assault took place in the schoolroom soon after the scholars had been dismissed for the day. Miss Stevens was just preparing to make her departure when a masked man appeared before her, and pointing revolver at her head threatened to shoot if she made any outcry. She screamed for assistance, and the man sprang forward and a struggle followed. The school teacher fought desperately, but was finally overpowered through the man's brute strength. The fellow then made his escape, and no trace of him has yet been found. The victim of the assault is only about 20 years of age. Her condition is so serious that it is impossible to learn anything that might lead to the capture of the man.

Convict Burned to Death.

Auburn, N. Y. January 25.—Warden Stout, of the prison here, gave out a statement to the Press to-day of the burning to death of a convict in the prison last night. The unfortunate was James McTaige, an Elmira transfer, sentenced from New York county for a term of five years, June 7, 1893, for grand larceny, second degree.

McTaige had smuggled naphtha to his cell on the fifth gallery of the south wing, which he was using for cooking purposes. About 5.30 P. M. an explosion occurred and the guards and waiters immediately went to the scene, but McTaige was enveloped in flames, and before assistance could be rendered he was so seriously burned that the efforts of the physicians summoned proved to be unavailing and he died a few hours later. McTaige's time would have expired in March next.

A Girl's Narrow Escape.

Maud Ryan, aged 15 years old, of 628 Willard street, Camden, narrowly escaped being crushed to death in a singular manner yesterday afternoon. She was standing against a trolley pole on State street, beyond the bridge crossing Cooper's creek, listening to the vibration caused by an approaching troller car.

The car struck a stone when it was within a short distance of where Miss Ryan was standing and was thrown from the track. The young miss was caught between the car and pole in such a way that she could not move until the car was backed. She suffered lacerations and abrasions of the right leg and left knee and had to be taken to the Cooper Hospital.

A Corpse Wrapped in Flames.

Hartford, Conn., Jan. 24.—While two children of Joseph Jasmine, of Putnam, were acting as night watch for their dead sister they fell asleep, and in some manner the candles about the body were upset. The light draperies were quickly in a blaze. The children, almost suffocated, were awakened, and succeeded in arousing their parents, who had been tired out with care and watching during their daughter's illness. When they finally succeeded in extinguishing the fire, little remained of the dead body but charred and blackened bones. The parents were also badly burned about the hands and bodies.

A Welcome Usher of '97.

The beginning of the new year will have a welcome usher in the shape of a fresh Almanac, descriptive of the origin, mature and uses of the national tonic and alternative, Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. Combined with the descriptive matter will be found calendar and astronomical calculations absolutely reliable for correctness, statistics, illustrations, verses carefully selected, and other mental food highly profitable and entertaining. On this pamphlet, published and printed annually by The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburg, 60 hands are employed in the mechanical department alone. Eleven months are devoted to its preparation. It is procurable free, of druggists and country dealers everywhere, and is printed in English, German, French, Spanish, Welsh, Norwegian, Holland, Swedish and Bohemian.

THE Andrews Hitchcock Furnaces at Sharon, Pa., will be banked February 10th, on account of over-production of pig iron. Three hundred men are affected.

DECLARED FOR PEACE.

Friends of Arbitration Meet In Washington.

PROMINENT MEN MADE SPEECHES.

Ex-Secretary John W. Foster Called the Meeting to Order—Justice Bruce One of the Orators—A Letter Read From Cardinal Gibbons.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A large meeting of the friends of the arbitration treaty between the United States and Great Britain, now pending in the senate, has been held in the Grand Opera house here. The call for the meeting was signed by ex-Secretary John W. Foster, who succeeded Mr. Blaine as secretary of state in President Harrison's cabinet; Chief Justice Melville W. Fuller of the United States supreme court, Bishop John F. Hurst, Bishop Hehry V. Satterlee, President B. L. Whitman of Columbian university, Rev. Dr. D. J. Stafford and other prominent citizens. The purpose of the meeting was stated in the call to be the public attestation of the approbation of the great principle of arbitration embodied in the pending treaty. The audience was a large and distinguished one and included the delegates to the meeting of the national board of trade now in session here.

Speeches were made by John W. Foster, Hon. Gardiner G. Hubbard, president of the American Geographical society, United States Justice Brewer, Thomas Nelson Page, President Whitman of Columbian university and ex-Senator Henderson of Missouri. A letter from Cardinal Gibbons was read expressing his regret at not being able to attend the meeting and favoring the treaty.

A resolution favoring the adoption of the treaty as a distinct advance toward the best civilization was adopted.

ARBITRATION TREATY FAVORED.

Fraley Re-Elected President by National Board of Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The national board of trade re-elected as president the venerable Frederick Fraley of Philadelphia, who was absent from the meeting by reason of the sickness of his wife. Mr. Fraley is 93 years of age and has been president of the board continuously since its organization. Ex-Governor E. O. Standard of St. Louis was elected temporary chairman.

After a number of routine matters had been disposed of resolutions were unanimously adopted in favor of the arbitration treaty with England.

S. W. Woodward has been selected as vice president for Washington in place of B. H. Warner and ex-Governor R. E. Pattison of Pennsylvania has been chosen vice president for Pennsylvania. Secretary N. R. Tucker will also be re-elected.

ARBITRATION WITH FRANCE.

Semi-Official Statement From Paris That Negotiations Have Been Resumed.

PARIS, Jan. 27.—It is semi-officially stated that negotiations for a treaty of general arbitration between France and the United States were commenced about a year ago, but were only resumed when it was announced that the Anglo-American treaty had been definitely concluded.

Passed Over President's Veto.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The house overrode another of President Cleveland's pension vetoes by a vote of 137 to 52. The bill pensioned Jonathan Scott of the Sixth Iowa cavalry, who is now living at Oswego, Kan., at the rate of $72 per month. Mr. Cleveland vetoed it on the ground that the disability for which the beneficiary was to be pensioned was not contracted in the service.

Nicaragua Canal Bill Debated.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Nicaragua canal debate has been resumed in the senate. Mr. Daniel speaking against the measure. Mr. Morgan submitted a letter from President Hitchcock of the canal company replying to the recent letter of Minister Rodriguez. Mr. Morgan also offered an amendment designed to meet the objections presented by Mr. Rodriguez.

Will Send Naval Vessels.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.— Secretary Herbert has decided to accede to the request of the citizens of Mobile, Ala., and have a naval vessel there during Mardi Gras. Another vessel will be sent to New Orleans for the Mardi Gras there.

General Craighill to Retire.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—General William Price Craighill, chief engineer, after a most brilliant military and scientific record, will be retired next Monday on his own application, under the 40 years service law.

Seeley Dinner People Indicted.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The grand jury has indicted Herbert Barnum Seeley, James H. Phipps and Theodore Rich in connection with the recent dinner given by Mr. Seeley at Sherry's. The indictments charge them with conspiring to procure the indecent exposure of two certain dancing women.

Declares All India Infected.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 27.—The minister for the interior has declared the whole of India to be infected with the plague.

Twelve of the Crew Drowned.

HARBOORE, Jutland, Jan. 27.—A lifeboat which had been searching for some fishing smack belonging to this place, which have been missing since the storm, has been capsized and 12 of her crew were drowned.

Fire In a Village.

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 27.—The greater portion of the village of Poland, Herkimer county, has been destroyed by fire. The total loss is estimated at $30,000.

Condition of the Teasury.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $229,491,026; gold reserve, 143,630,119.

Against the Arbitration Treaty.

SPRINGFIELD, Ills., Jan. 27.—In the state legislature Representative R. C. Busse of Chicago has offered a joint resolution opposing the arbitration treaty with England.

Spooner to Be Senator.

MADISON, Wis., Jan. 27.—Both houses of the legislature have cast their votes for John C. Spooner for United States senator. The election will be ratified in joint convention today.

Hungarian Novelist Honored.

BUDAPEST, Jan. 27.—Maurice Jokai, the Hungarian writer, has been made a life member of the house of magnates.

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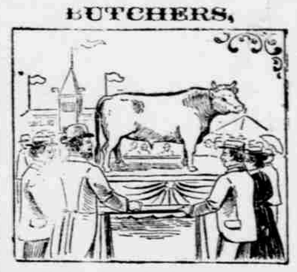

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NOTICE.

To all to whom it may concern.

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, the 15th day of February, 1897, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the petition of W. J. Buck, assignee of Joseph Bengele, et ux, for benefit of creditors, will be presented to the Court of Common Pleas of Cambria county, Pa., for an order authorizing said assignee to reconvey the assigned estate to said Joseph Bengele.

KITTELL & LITTLE,
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Ebensburg, Pa., Jan. 18, 1897. 22 3t.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1897,

the following described property of the estate of Elija Butler, deceased, to wit:

All that certain lot or piece of ground situate in the 8th ward of the City of Johnstown, Cambria county, Pennsylvania, bounded and described as follows: Fronting on the westerly side of Somerset street and extending back 10 perches to (what is now or was lately known as) Walnut Alley and being known on the plan of Kernville as lot No. 56 and being the same lot of ground, the title to which became vested in said Elija Butler by deed of George W. Kern et al dated March 10, 1869, and recorded in the Recorder's Office for said county in record book Vol 27, page 859 Having erected thereon a two-story Frame

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FRIDAY.....JANUARY 29, 1897.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL.

—Conductor Rush is confined to his home with a bad cold.

—Next Tuesday the ground hog will have his say at the weather.

—Mrs. Margaret Morland, of Lilly, has been granted a widow's pension.

—An increase of pension has been granted to James Riley, of St Augustine.

—Judge Barker was in Hollidaysburg this week holding court for Judge Bell.

—The owners of ice houses are now harvesting a fine quality of twelve inch ice.

—Dr. F. C. Jones, of this place, went to Philadelphia on Monday where he spent several days.

—The Fortieth annual statement of the Protection Mutual Insurance company is published in another column.

—John W. Kephart, Esq., with his wife and child, of Denver, Colorado, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Shoemaker.

—David J. Davis, of Morrellville, was brought to jail on Friday to answer to a charge of surety of the peace preferred by his wife.

—While cutting ice on Ludwig's dam the other day Frank Jones, of this place, dropped in and made a narrow escape from drowning.

—Mrs. Margaret Hollen, wife of Thomas W. Hollen, died at her home in Reade township, on Tuesday, January 19th, 1897, of paralysis, aged 56 years.

—Fred Bland, of Blandsburg, in Reade township, while wrestling with another young man on Friday of last week fell and broke his left leg at the ankle.

—Charles M. Schwab, of Braddock, son of John Schwab, of Loretto, has been promoted to the position of general manager of all the Carnegie iron interests.

—Walnut logs, with the ends painted red, bound for foreign countries, are passing over the Pennsylvania railroad. They come from the southwestern states.

—George B. Goodlander, who until recently was editor and proprietor of the Clearfield *Republican*, died at his home in Clearfield on Sunday from pneumonia, aged 70 years.

—The Pennsylvania Railroad Company have reduced the tonnage of freight trains from 11,000 to 9,500 tons, and from 90 empty cars to 50 for three engine trains, on account of the cold weather.

—The United Brethren church at Dale, was totally destroyed by fire on Sunday last. The fire was caused by a defective flue. The loss is $5,000, on which there is an insurance of $2,000. The church will be rebuilt.

—Mr. Andrew Stibich, of Morrellville, who is partially demented, was brought to the almshouse on Monday by Poor-Director Moore. He is about forty-five years of age and his wife is an inmate of Dixmont insane asylum.

—Mr. John James, landlord of the Clinton House, Johnstown, was robbed of $153 in cash, a lady's gold watch and chain, a necktie and a child's gold ring, on Wednesday about noon by some person who entered his room.

—Two hundred and fourteen applications for liquor license have been filed in the Court of Quarter Sessions this year, being two less than last year. In another column will be found the list for the northern districts of the county.

—A new examining board to pass upon the qualifications of applications for admission to the Bar of Cambria county has been appointed, consisting of the following attorneys: W. H. Rose, F. A. Shoemaker, Alvin Evans, H. W. Storey and F. J. O'Connor.

—Mrs. Margaret Kunkle, aged eighty-seven years, living with her daughter—Mr. Johnston—in Washington township, Indiana county, was attacked by heart disease Monday and fell into the grate. When her daughter went into the room she found her mother dead.

—At a meeting of the directors of the Cambria Mutual Insurance company, held at the office of the secretary on Monday, the following officers were elected. President, James Thompson; vice president, J. G. C. Bearer; secretary and treaurer, T. Dick; executive committee, John Lloyd, C. T. Roberts and John J. Evans; agents, Geo. A Kinkead, Ebensburg, I. E. Roberts, Johnstown.

—Mr. W. C. Saxton, of East Conemaugh better known as grandfather Saxton, has in his possession six old kitchen chairs that were used by his mother-in-law, Mrs. Catharine Hulsizer, during her lifetime. They have been in constant use over 80 years and are not broken, while the paint is almost as good as new upon them. Mr. Saxton prizes them highly.

—The lower house of the state legislature of Tennessee has done the best thing to abolish the cigarette nuisance, and that is to pass a law to prohibit the sale of cigarette paper in the state. The senate will pass the bill and it will become a law. The law in this state forbidding the sale of cigarettes to boys is a farcical compromise. Stop the sale altogether.

—George Stewart, a young man employed on a portable saw mill on the farm of W. B George, near Homer City, slipped on the running platform while at work on Monday. Before the machinery could be stopped, his head was brought into contact with the saw and one-half of it cut off. The trunk then returned to the saw and cut off his right arm. Death was instantaneous.

—Beaver township, Cameron county, now claims the honor of being able to produce the largest fifteen year old boy in the state. The lad is a son of Milton Taylor, of near Hair's Corners. But a short time since the boy celebrated his fifteenth birthday, and at that time was found to tip the scales at 267 pounds. It is claimed for the lad that he is the heaviest specimen of humanity for his years in the country.

—Moths will work in rooms that are kept warm in the winther as well as in summer. A sure method of removing the pests is to pour strong alum water on the floor to the distance of half a yard around the edges before laying the carpet; then once or twice a year sprinkle dry salt over the carpet before sweeping. Insects do not like salt, and sufficient adheres to the carpet to prevent their alighting upon it.

—Mr. P. F. Kerby, of Wilmore, who has been engaged in merchandising in that place for twenty years or more, with his wife made an assignment on Saturday for the benefit of creditors. Mr. A. W. Rock, the banker of this place, is the assignee. Mr Kerby about two weeks ago sold his establishment at Wilmore, and has filed an application for liquor license for a hotel at No. 422 Washington street, Johnstown.

—Stanley Bernski was frozen to death within 10 yards of a house at Eleanora Jefferson county, on Saturday morning. With a companion he had been at Punxsutawney. They started to walk home, nine miles, but separated. Bernski was found by farmer Muth and driven within one block of home. He walked a short distance, but fell, and was unable to rise. Friends are searching for the dead man's companion, as it is believed he was overcome by cold in an unfrequented place.

—Dr. John Isenberg, a prominent dentist, died suddenly at his home in Altoona on Friday morning, aged fifty-six years He had resided in Altoona for thirty-five years. His wife and three children survive. One son—George L.—is a passenger brakeman on the Pittsburg division of the Pennsylvania railroad.

—The officers of the First National bank of Hollidaysburg, expect that the bank will resume business on Tuesday, January 27. All the claims will be paid in full and the capital of the bank restored to its legal amount. This was the information received by Comptroller Eckles, from the receiver who has been in charge of the affairs of the bank since it closed its doors in December.

—The secretary of the commonwealth recently addressed the attorney general's department, asking whether the tenth section of the Act of June 10, 1893, which regulates the nomination and election of public officers, as amended by the Act of June 26, 1895, (P. L. 392,) requires a sheriff to have a "fac-simile" of the official ballot published as part of the general election proclamation. Deputy-Attorney-General Elkin to-day stated that only the officers need be enumerated, and no "fac-simile" ballot is required.

—Here is an item for the farm boys, from the Germantown *Telegraph*: The statement was made in one of the daily papers recently that, according to the testimony of real estate dealers in the interior of the state, there is a very decided increase in the demand for farms and that the demand comes largely from those who have moved into the cities years ago. If this be true, it is an encouraging item of news. Out of ten who leave the farm to make their way in the city eight would certainly have done better had they remained at home.

—Mr. Robert Brooks, a civil engineer in the employ of the Pennsylvania railroad, and well and favorable known in Ebensburg, where he resided during the building of the Blacklick railroad, died at Lilly on Wednesday morning from pneumonia after a short illness. The deceased was married on the 21st day of October last to Miss Margaret Dunegan, daughter of E. R. Dunegan, Esq., of St. Augustine, and since that time the young couple have made their residence at Lilly where Mr. Brooks was employed on the new railroad work at that place.

—A fire broke out in a dwelling house owned by the Elk Tanning company at Curwensville, on Tuesday evening, occupied by Moses Watson and John Webb, both colored with their families. Mrs. Webb had gone to the store and left her four children in the house, their ages being six, four, and two years, and a baby. All were burned to death. The fireman did effective work, and when the fire was quenched a search was made for the bodies. They were found, but were burned almost beyond recognition. The origin of the fire is unknown. It is the first instance in that village in which human life has been lost by fire.

The Cold Snap.

On Sunday the coldest spell of weather of the winter was ushered in, the thermometer showing on Monday that the mercury had dropped to fourteen degrees below zero, in Ebensburg, and up until today (Thursday,) when it registered six degrees below, it has been under the zero mark ever since, in the early mornings.

As a consequence water pipes in all parts of the town have been frozen up and bursting and the plummers are the only class of people who seem to enjoy the situation. The FREEMAN office has had its share of trouble along with the rest, as about one-half the time of the office force, for the past several days has been spent in keeping up fires and thawing out water and steam pipes.

We are under obligations to Mr. A. L. Rose, proprietor of the Rose Wrench factory, in this place, for his promptitude in making the repairs made necessary by the bursting of several pipes and valves connected with our engine. He is prompt and abliging, as well as a skillful mechanic and when it comes to repairing machinery he is the right man in the right place.

Marriage Licenses.

The following marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Orphans' Court for the week ending Thursday, January 28, 1897:

Ira B. Bricker and Laura A. Noon, Johnstown.

Andrew J. Noel, Hastings and Anna L. Grove, Gallitzin township.

Joseph Corba and Annie Tamas, Johnstown.

James C. Long, Altoona, and Essie Susannah Heiman, Gallitzin.

Milton A. Swingston, Johnstown, and Ida Shaffer, Scalp Level.

Paul Szewezk and Louisa Doza, Johnstown.

Nelmore Melheron, Gallitzin, and Maria Adaline Good, Barnesboro.

Arthur Appleyard, Croyle township, and Jane Law, Dunlo.

Mike Falatik and Annie Rabik, Carroll township.

Murness Bouch, Mahaffey, and Annie Rummel, Seidersville.

Joseph Hessong, Nanty Glo, and Anna Pergrim, Jackson township.

For Another Penitentiary.

Among the bills presented in the state senate on Tuesday was one by Mr. Hagy, of Dauphin, to create a middle penitentiary district and provide for the erection of a building. The district is to be composed of the counties of Potter, Tioga, Bradford, Sullivan, Lycoming, Northumberland, Columbia, Montour, Fulton, Bedford, Cumberland, Franklin, Adams, Somerset, Blair, Cambria, Huntingdon, Union, Snyder, Dauphin, Lebanon, Perry, Juniata, Mifflin, Clearfield, Clinton and Centre. The institution must be capable of holding five hundred prisoners, and must be erected at or near Harrisburg. Seven commissioners are to be appointed by the governor to select a site of not more than ten acres and to have charge of the erection. Five hundred dollars is appropriated for the purchase of the site and the erection of the building.

The Play Actress.

Henderson's Hyperion's and Miss Eugenia Florence gave a very pleasing rendition of "The Play Actress," and "The Laughing Girl" at the Opera House last night.

The Play Actress" is written on the lines of David Garrick with a heroine instead of a hero. Miss Florence succeeded admirably in keeping her word with an irate father and disgusting a youth who was infatuated with her. The play brought out considerable wit and some good acting.

"The Laughing Girl" is an amusing play where a girl who knows nothing has the best of several ludicrous situations. It is full of good points and caused considerable laughter.—*Dubois (Pa.) Express.*

The above well-known company will be with us on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

Miners Ask a Reduction

A dispatch from Rathmel to the DuBois *Express*: The pick miners at Sprague and Broadhead opening here have asked for a reduction in the price of mining coal in the hope of receiving work. There has been a great dissatisfaction lately on account of the lack of employment. The machine miners and those employed in drawing the pillars, at the present mining rate of 30 cents a ton have been securing all the work, leaving nothing for the pick miners to do, and their request for a reduction in their own rate from 40 to 30 cents was done in the hope securing a portion of the work. The number of pillar drawers has gradually been increasing while the pick miners have been unable to secure employment.

Farmer's Institute.

The Farmers' institute at this place opened at 1:30 o'clock P. M. Friday, the gathering being called to order by Hon. J. J. Thomas.

Announcments of vice presidents were made by the County institute committee, consisting of John Lloyd, representing the Ebensburg Agricultural society; H. J. Krumenacher, the Carrolltown Agricultural society, and Joseph O. Thomas, representing the Grange.

The vice presidents named were: Daniel J. Davis, John J. Davis, John M. Hughes, A. A. Barker, James Perry, Ira Bloom, David D. Lewis and George Huntlev. John McCormick was elected secretary, and Thomas W. Hughes, query manager. An address of welcome was then made by Hon. A. A. Barker and responded to by Hon. Alva Agee, after which the regular programme was taken up.

Hon. Alva Agee spoke on potato culture after which Mr. Hess spoke on fertilizers, explaining the meaning of the analysis found on each sack of commercial fertilizer, and the use of each ingredient.

County Commissioner Abraham Hostetler read an essay on "Fruit Growing for Pleasure and Profit," and answered several interrogatories on the subject, as did also Messrs. Wertz and McCormick.

Dr. Rothrock made an eloquent appeal for rural high schools, declaring that the question of expense should not deter us, as doubtless the reason why many of our young folks were leaving the farm is for the greater educational advantages to be found in the cities, and he formulated a plan for the establishing of a high school in each township, or a number of adjacent townships.

Mr. McCormick spoke of higher education for the girls and boys in our country schools.

Hon. Frank H. Moore, of Bradford county, Pure Food Commissioner of Western Pennsylvania, lectured on the pure food question, giving some astonishrevelations with reference to to the adulteration of articles of food.

Dr. Rothrock lectured on "The Relation of the Forestry Question to the Commonwealth."

Owing partly, no doubt, to the inclemency of the weather—a howling blizzard prevailing—the attendance at Ebensburg was not so large as at Wilmore.

Hon. A. A. Barker recited the famous address of Lincoln at Gettysburg.

Saturday afternoon the attendance was larger, and several addresses were delivered by the instructors and numerous queries were answered.

A resolution was passed asking the legislature to enact a law for the payment of a bounty on fox scalps.

Over a Precipice.

About 10 o'clock on Monday evening a sledding party of 40 persons from Tyrone drove into a quarry at Pemberton, six miles below that place. Tne sled, horses and pleasure seekers were precipitated 50 feet to the bottom of a precipice, where they lay in one inextricable mass. Twenty-five persons were badly injured, and some fatally. Whether or not any were killed cannot yet be learned.

As soon as the news reached Tyrone a special train was fitted up by the Pennsylvania Railroad company, and all the doctors in the town were conveyed to the scene of the catastrophe. The scene beggared description. The party was mostly made up of young people under 21 years of age.

Boys and girls with arms and legs broken and with blood streaming from their wounds lay in great drifts of snow, slowly perishing from the intense cold. The mercury stood at 3 degrees below zero, adding to the horror of the catastrophe. Latest reports say that none are dead, though about 20 are injured.

The following is a partial list: Alice Hadden, of Little Washington; Jessie Stone, Bellefonte; Eugene Crampton, Tyrone; Howard Templeton and William Jones also of Tyrone. These are badly injured, but the exact nature of their wounds cannot be learned. The special train from the scene of the accident arrived in Tyrone at 11:30 P. M., bearing the injured.

The Nominations.

At a meeting of the Democratic citizens of Ebensburg on Saturday evening, the following candidates were placed in nomination:

Borough at large.—Burgess, Joseph T. Simpson: auditor, P. J. Little.

West ward.—Justice of the peace, J. D. Parrish; council E. J. Luther; school director, A. W. Buck: judge of election, John Maloney; inspector of election, Thomas James.

East ward.—Council, John T. Blair; school director, Wm. Byrne; judge of election, Philip Luttringer; inspector, Henry Byrne.

The Republicans, the same evening, placed in nomination the following ticket:

Borough at large.—Burgess, T. M. Richards; collector, John F. Tibott; auditor, George Thomas.

West ward—council, A. J. Apel: justice of the peace, C. T. Roberts; school director, Dr. Davison: judge of election, Hosea Evans, inspector, George A. Davis.

East ward.—Council, Thomas D. Evans; school director, R. R. Dayis; judge of election, Isaac Davis; inspector, Samuel D. Ludwig.

Meeting of School Directors.

Harrisburg, Jan. 26.—The Pennsylvania State Association of School Directors, which was organized last January, will meet in the supreme court room here on February 10 and 11. It is composed of delegates from city boards of education and organized county associations of school directors. Its objects are to discuss questions of public school control and express the sentiment of public school authorities in regard to needed and proposed legislation for school houses.

The topics to be discussed at the coming convention are the operation of the compulsory attendance law, the establishment of a state university, the relation to each other of the vaccination and compulsory attendance acts, the control and publication of text books by the state and needed school legislation.

Among the speakers will be Governor Hastings, State Superintendent Schaeffer and Principal Thompson, of the Philadelphia high school. Most of the cities and counties will be represented and a large and influential gathering is expected.

Compromised

The equity suit mentioned in last week's FREEMAN between Mrs. Matilda Brown, widow and administratrix of the late P. F. Brown, of Ebensburg, and Messrs. E. C. Parrish and M. D. Bearer, guardians of the minor children of the deceased, which was heard last week, was compromised on Friday last on the following terms:

The lease of the hotel property between the guardians and Mr. M. D. Eberly to be cancelled; the lease of the same between the widow and administratrix and Mr. William Kimball also to be cancelled; a new lease to be made by the guardians and administratrix jointly, to William Kimball upon the same terms under which he had agreed to take the hotel from the latter alone—namely $100 per month—the amount to be paid to guardians; neither side to file a bill of costs and each to pay its own witnesses.

—David M. Steyer, editor of the New Haven *Herald*, is in jail at Uniontown, Pa., on the charge of entering the prothonotary's office and marking the docket "satisfied" upon judgments against him. The penalty for the offense is $2,000 fine and seven years in the penitentiary.

Real Estate Transfers.

—Altoona Building & Loan association to W. H. Little, Spangler; consideration, $625.

William Baker et ux. to William V. Baker, Allegheny, $490.

Charles Flick et ux. to Jerome Flick, Allegheny, $1,400.

Matthias Kessler to Viola C. Shomo, White, $300.

Adam Myers' Committee to Michael A. McGonigle, $1,000.

Cambria Iron company to John A. Buck, East Conemaugh, $475.

Henry Leventry et ux. to William Leventry, Upper Poder, $400.

William Leventry et ux. to George Von Lunen, Johnstown, $800.

William Leventry et ux. to George Von Lunen, Stonycreek, $1,700.

James D. Ross et ux. to Harry G. Kantner, Johnstown, $1,900.

Alonzo Rodgers et ux. to Lizzie M. Brown, Johnstown, $400.

Admisistrator of Lizzie M. Brown to Charles A. Brown, Moxham, $150.

Treasurer of Cambria county to William McManamy, White, $6.

William McManamy et ux. to John A. McManamy, White, $6.

Bernard McColgan to Catharine Farran, Munster, $100.

Alexander S. Edmiston to Elizabeth A. Edmiston, Reade, $30.

Emanuel Rhodes et ux. to John Williams, West Taylor, $579.

John Williams to John F. Brehm, West Taylor, $300.

Horace R. Rose et ux. to C. L. Spenser, Johnstown, $350.

Mary A. Howe et al. to Marcus Wohl, Johnstown, $4,000.

A. E. Patton, trustee, to John Scheid, Patton, $200.

A. E. Patton, et ux. to John Scheid, Patton, $1.

A. W. Myers et ux. to Maggie B. Detwiler, Upper Yoder, $1,300.

Mary A. Saltsgiver et vir to Martha Smith, Clearfield, $100.

John Peske et ux. to Oscar Yarnick et ux., Daisytown, $600.

W. T. Shields et ux. to George B. Ambrose, Johnstown, $1,300.

Executors of Charles Von Lunen et al. to W. T. Shields, Johnstown, $175.

Blacklick Land & Improvement company to Clarence R. Claghorn, Vintondale, $300.

George L. Frederick et ux. to Michael J. Luther, Ebensburg, $1,800.

John H. Veil et ux. to United Evangelicas church, Richland, $50.

Catharine Farren to Dennis Farren et al., Munster, $100.

Administratrix of Charles Farran to Dennis Farran et al., Munster, $1,575.

Cornelius Dever, Jr., et ux. to Dennis Farran, Munster, $100.

H. P. Farran to Henry J. Eberly, Munster, $1.

Henry J. Eberly et ux. to W. Amsbry, Munster, $88.

Griffith Griffith et ux. to Evan G. Griffith, Cambria, $4,800.

David Ott et ux. to Lydia Hershberger, Johnstown, $1,300.

Henry McAnulty et ux. to Abraham L. Good et al., Barr, $20.

Henry McAnulty et ux. to David J. Bougher et al., Barr, $1,500.

Brother Lawrence O'Donnell to George Eberly, Allegheny, $50.

Joseph Hogue et ux. to Elizabeth Eberly, Allegheny, $205.

Elizabeth Eberly et vir to W. Amsbry, Allegheny, $131.

John McMullen et ux. to John Nowell, Summerhill and Allegheny, $1,000.

Francis O'Hara et ux. to W. Amsbry, $1,123.

F. J. Donoughie et ux. to Eliza J. Behe, Gallitzin township, $25.

William L. Keedy et ux. to Sarah Mable, Westmont, $1,350.

Annie Bearinger to Martin Klapsak, Carrolltown, $1,000.

John Pfeifer et ux. to Frederick Hofecker, Johnstown, $2,000.

Solomon Wagner et ux. to S. L. Reed, Jackson, $500.

J. S. Gettemy et ux. to D. W. Coulter, Franklin, $5.

John McMullen et ux. to Elizabeth Elizabeth O'Hara, Munster, $1.

Martin Leap, Sr., et al. to Pennsylvania Railroad company, Washington, $150.

Assignee of B. P. Anderson, et ux. to Conrad Wenderoth, Cresson township, $10,000.

Administrator of Robert A. McCoy to John Lloyd, Jackson and Blacklick, $300.

Mathiot Reade, trustee, to John Lloyd Jackson, $100.

Matthiot Reade, trustee, to Margaret Lloyd, Jackson, $100.

Samuel Harrison et ux. to T. W. Campbell, Stonycreek, $145.

Lovers Die Together.

Shamokin, Jan. While Frederick Graeber and Miss Maude Gothie were driving along the public road in a sleigh half a mile east of this place last night, the earth caved into an abandoned mine working.

Searching parties were unable to locate the couple until 4 o'clock this morning. Miss Gothie's body was badly bruised, and death must have been instantaneous. Both of Mr. Graeber's feet were frozen and he was almost dead from exposure. It is feared he cannot recover. The couple were engaged to be married. Graber rallied this afternoon sufficiently to relate the following version of the accident.

He said: "When the team went into the hole Maud was thrown on the opposite side from me and I suppose she must have been killed, as she was buried beneath a mass of loose earth and did not answer my agonizing cries. Feeling a sharp pain in my right leg, I released it and found the bone had penetrated the flesh near the ankle. Fearing that I might bleed to death, I tied my handkerchief about the wound and then twisted my watch chain tight over it with my keys. That stopped the bleeding and a few moments later another fall occurred, burying me up to my breast."

It was found that Miss Gothie's neck had been broken, and it is expected Graeber will sink rapidly after re-action sets in, as he is almost crazed with grief over the tragic death of his sweetheart. Thousands of people visited the scene of the accident to-day.

Died to Save Her Children.

At 11 o'clock on Saturday morning the frame house occupied by William Croyle in Bedford, Pa., was discovered to be on fire, and before an alarm could be given the entire structure was enveloped in flames.

Mrs. Croyle succeeded in throwing two of the children out of the window to their father. It is supposed she went back to get the two other children and was suffocated, for she disappeared from the window and was not seen again.

When the dead bodies of the mother and children were taken from the ruins of the house nothing but the trunks remained, the legs, arms and head having been burned off. The two weeks' old baby, which was thrown out of the window, is so severely burned that it will probably die. The father was also burned about the head and arms.

Must Carry Lanterns.

At a meeting of the Ebensburg council, held Monday night, a motion was made and carried, directing the clerk of council to serve a written notice on E. B. Cresswell, manager of the Ebensburg Electric Light company, notifying him that all contracts between the council of Ebensburg and said Electric Light company are declared null and void, as the light has not proven satisfactory.

Miscellaneous Notices.

FOR SALE OR RENT.—The Central Hotel, at Loretto, Cambria county, Pa. Easy terms. Address MRS. ELLA B. McDONALD. Jany. 8 tf.

WANTED.—A general representative in this county to organize local boards for the Artisans' Savings and Loan Association. Address 91 Fifth Ave., Pittsburg Pa. mch22

WANTED—A reliable man to represent a loan institution in Cambria county Money loaned in sums of $100 to $10,000. For particulars apply to W. M. DAVIS, Coalport, Pa. mch29tf.

THE Ebensburg Building & Loan Association will offer for sale at the Rey Building, Ebensburg, on the fourth Monday in February, $2,000.00. THOS. DAVIS, LESTER LAIMMER, Secretary. President.

FOR SALE.
A large six-room house fronting on Crawford street, Ebensburg, being in good repair, and the lot well set with good fruit trees. A bargain. Inquire of MRS. ANNA HUNN. Jan. 22 3t. Ebensburg, Pa.

AT the Musical College, Freeburg, Snyder county, Pa., none but the best methods are used, so that to day it is recognized as one of the foremost schools of music in the country. $33 will pay for a term of six weeks, instruction and board. Spring term will begin May 3d. Jan. 22 4t. X.

AT THE OLD RELIABLE.

Everybody, and especially the oyster-loving people of Ebensburg, are invited to call at Robt. McIlreen's Old Reliable Restaurant, when they want good, fresh Oysters, by the pint, quart or gallon Or you can have them Stewed or Fried, all at the lowest price. Fresh Oysters every day. oct15tf

JOS. HORNE & CO.

Housewives and Needleworkers.

We have inaugurated a sale especially in the interests of the housekeeper or the workers with needle and thread. We have spent much time in its preparaiton. Goods have been brought from everywhere—every department offers something at an unusually low price.

Housekeeping Linens–

Fifty-cent bleached table DAMASK, 60 inches wide, very highly finished for THIRTY-FIVE CENTS A YARD.

Bleached Damask Napkins, the kind that sells for $1 25 a dozen, for NINETY CENTS A DOZEN.

Fringed Tea Napkins, 16 inches square, at FIVE CENTS EACH.

Blanket Sale—

Our Blankets are made in our own mills. There is nothing in them but the finest and softest of wool, and the weaving is all that should be.

AT TWO DOLLARS we sell a most excellent pair of blankets, which weighs 4½ pounds—all wool every ounce of it. It is 66x81 inches. At THREE DOLLARS we sell a pair of Blankets 66x84 inches, sold elsewhere for $4 50.

China Sale—

Cups and Saucers, that were $1.50 to $2 25 a dozen, will go in this sale, no matter what the former price, at TEN CENTS EACH.

Vegetable Dishes and Steak Dishes, that used to be 50 cents apiece; your choice, TWENTY-FIVE CENTS.

112 piece DINNER SETS, English porcelain, very handsomely decorated in underglaze, at SIX DOLLARS AND A HALF A SET.

On all the finer and finest Dinner Sets we offer a reduction of ONE QUARTER from our regular prices. This is an offer which ought to result in some lively China selling.

PENN AVENUE AND FIFTH STREET, PITTSBURG.

Financial Report.

Report of the condition of the First National Bank at Patton, in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business, January 18th, 1897; commenced October 10th, 1893.

RESOURCES.

U. S. Bonds to secure circulation	$ 50,000 00
Premiums on U. S. Bonds	4,430.00
Loans and Discounts	125,044.12
Expenses and taxes paid	1,362.97
Furniture and Fixtures	2,313 00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	2,250 00
Due from Banks	43,501.04
Cash and Cash Items	12,092 02
Total	$240,933.15

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$ 50,000 00
Surplus	25,000.00
Updivided Profits	789.27
Circulation	45,000.00
Due depositors	119,963.20
Due Banks	450.68
Total	$240,933 15

STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, } ss.
County of Cambria }

I, Wm. H. Sandford, Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
WM. H. SANDFORD, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of January, 1897.
JESSE E. DALE, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest:
A. E. PATTON, }
E. C. BROWN, }
A. G. PALMER, } Directors.
GEO. S. GOOD. }

Jan. 22 2t.

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AUDITOR'S NOTICE.

Having been appointed auditor by the Orphan's Court of Cambria county, upon motion of Kittell & Little, to distribute the fund and pass upon exceptions, if any be filed, in the matter of the first and final account of Ann Hurk, administratrix of the estate of Edward Hurk, deceased. Notice is hereby given that I will sit for the purpose of my appointment at the Court House in Ebensburg, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY, 17, A. D., 1897, at 2 o'clock, P. M., when and where all persons interested shall attend, or be forever debarred from coming in on said fund.
F. J. O'CONNOR, Auditor.
Johnstown, Pa., Jany. 27, 1897.

WANTED SALESMEN, Pushing, trustworthy men to represent us in the sale of Our Choice Nursery Stock. Specialties controlled by us. Highest Salary or Commission paid weekly. Steady employment the year round. Outfit free; exclusive territory; experience not necessary; big pay assured workers; special inducements to beginners. Write at once for particulars to

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APPLICATIONS
—FOR—
Liquor Licenses!

NOTICE is hereby given that the applications of the following persons for Liquor Licenses have been filed in the Office of the Court of Quarter Sessions of Cambria County, Pa., and will be presented to the said Court for its consideration on MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 1897.

Unless specially designated below the residences of the applicants (as stated in the petitions) are at the places for which application is made.

Ashville Borough.

Levi Burket, retail.
James Hanlin, retail.
D. Gr. Myers, The Ashville House, retail.

Barnesboro Borough.

Thomas Brown, corner Mary and Maple streets, retail.
John Hindle, Barnesboro Inn, retail.
D. E. Notley, cor. Phila. Ave. and Caroline St., retail.
Marcellus Weakland, corner Philadelphia avenue and Martha street, retail.

Barr Township.

Harry A. Luther, retail, St. Nicholas Hotel.

Blacklick Township.

James Dunn, Nanti Glo, retail

Carrolltown Borough.

Mrs. B. A. Blum, Main Street, brewer.
C. A. Farslaugh, brewer.
John Glaser, Main Street, retail.
Andrew H. Haug, "The Hohenzollern," retail.
Julius Kager, American House, retail.
Vincent Reig and John S. Dumm, Main Street, wholesale.
Martin C. Schroth Main Street, retail.
V. J. Stoltz, The Central Hotel, retail.

Carroll Township.

Patrick Harrigan, near flag station of C. & C. R.R., retail.
J. D. Kirkpatrick, Union Hotel, retail.

Chest Springs Borough.

Richard Ivory The Dexter House, retail.

Chest Township.

H. B. Allison, St. Lawience, retail.

Clearfield Township.

George Harber, St. Augustine, retail.
S. P. Nagle, St. Augustine, retail.

Cresson Township.

Matthew Adelsberg, Summit, retail.
John Brown, place, Cresson Inn; residence, Anderson House, retail.
Thomas T. Gallan, cor. Asheroft avenue and Second Street, Cresson, wholesale.
John McNally, Junction House, retail.
R. J. McNally, Summit, wholesale as brewer.
James P. McWilliams, Cresson Springs, retail.
J. M. O'Donnell, Summit, retail.
Conrad Wenderoth, Anderson House, retail.
J. L. Yeckley, Summit, retail.

Dean Township.

Richard J. Free, Buck Horn, retail.
William G. Snyder, Dysart, retail.

Ebensburg, East Ward.

John B. Denny, corner Centre and High Streets, retail.

Ebensburg, West Ward.

A. E. Bender, corner Main and Centre, retail.
L. A. Craver, Blair House, retail.
M. D. Eberly, corner High and Julian, retail.
Wm. M. Kimball, corner Julian and High, retail.

Elder Township

J. W. Anna, St. Boniface, retail.
Frank X Ott, St. Boniface, retail.

Gallitzin Borough.

John Becher, 200 feet west of Penna. depot, wholesale.
F. S. Burk, corner Main and Forest Streets, retail.
R. E. Dignan, Chestnut Street, retail.
M. Fitzharris, cor. Main Street, opp. P. R. R. depot, retail.
F. P. Gillen, Church Street, retail.
A. J. Gutwald, corner Quarry and —— streets, retail.
Allen H. Hetst, Main Street, corner of Riley; residence, Doylestown, Pa.
Arnold Lenz, corner of Main and Portage, retail.
John Logue Forest Street, retail.
Elmer Nelson, corner of Main and Chestnut, retail.
A. Padula, St. Thomas Street; wholesale.
L. C. Rockefeller, Sugar Street, wholesale.
Joseph Spelgalhalter, Portage Street, retail.

Gallitzin Township.

John A. McGuire, Delaney, re ail.

Hastings Borough.

E. L. Beckwith, corner Railroad Street and 4th avenue, retail.
Marshall Gilpatrick, corner Spangler Street and 5th Avenue, retail.
E. H. Gray, corner Miller and Bridge Streets, retail.
Charles Kinney, corner Spangler Street and 4th Avenue, retail.
Joseph S. Lansbery, Bridge Street, retail.
Michael H. Nagle, Nagle Hotel, retail.
W. L. Nicholson, Central Hotel, retail.
R. F. Notley, wholesale.
J. A. Park, corner 4th Avenue and Beaver Street, retail.
Frank Wargo, the American House, retail.

Jackson Township.

John D. Wentroth, Vintondale, retail.

Lilly Borough.

George Brant, Railroad Street, retail.
C. A. George, Railroad Street, retail.
Otto F. Helfy, Railroad Street, retail.
John J. McLann, Railroad street, wholesale.
Patrick McLann, corner Main and Washington, retail.
John Ryan, Railroad street, retail.
Blair Short, corner Washington and Railroad Streets, retail
Robert Smith, corner Cleveland and Church Streets, retail.

Loretto Borough.

C. F. O'Donnell, retail.

Patton Borough.

John Boyce, Lang Avenue, wholesale.
John R. Cordell, Central Hotel, retail.
Wm. A. Mellon, 105, 107, 107½ 5th Avenue, retail.
Simon M. Wilson, Magee Avenue, retail.
John A. Wolfe, corner 5th and Magee avenues, retail.

Portage Borough.

C. D. Brown, Railroad and Lee Streets, retail.
Albert Diehl, Martin Street, retail.
D. W. Martin, corner Railroad and Portage Streets, retail.
Geo. Yeckley, Washington Street, retail.
William Yeckley, North Railroad Street, retail.

Portage Township.

W. S. Confer Jamestown retail.
Robert Fisher, Jamestown, retail.

Reade Township.

J. F. Bonner, Lloydville, retail.
A. O. Brown, Frugality, retail.
W. A. Chaplin, Flinton, retail.
S. A. Cooper, Fallen Timber, retail.
Joseph Wilt, Figart, retail.

Spangler Borough.

F. H Bearer, Hotel Franklin, retail.
Richard Bowen, Crawford street, retail.
A. J. Hoppel, retail.
S. B. King, corner Bigler avenue and 4th street, retail.
Daniel C. Sullivan, Bigler avenue, retail.
M. C. Westover, Bigler avenue, wholesale.

Summerhill Borough.

John Griffith, Main street, retail.
Francis Kuriz, Market, retail.
P. C. Yahner, corner Main and Railroad streets, retail.

Susquehanna Township.

D. W. Hoover, The Travelers' Home Hotel, retail.

Tunnelhill Borough.

Joseph A. Bertram, Church street, retail.
John Goldy, corner Church and Tunnelhill streets, retail.
T. J. McGuire, corner Portage and Tunnelhill streets, retail.

Washington Township.

Frank Leap, Cassandra, retail.
Martin Leap, Cassandra, retail.
William Leap, Cassandra, retail.
Thomas O'Brien, Cassandra, wholesale.

Wilmore Borough.

Nicholas J. Boyer, corner Main and Portage streets, retail

S. W. DAVIS, Clerk, Q. S.
Ebensburg, Pa., Jan. 25, 1897. 29 3t.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE.

The following articles will be sold cheap for cash or with good security:

5 two horse wagons 2 pair bob sleds, 1 one-horse sled, one Empire binder, one Champion mowing machine, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 dinner bell, 2 sets work harness, collars, bridles, harness, chains and a general line of farming impliments.
Inquire of M. D. BEARER.
Aug. 28 tf.

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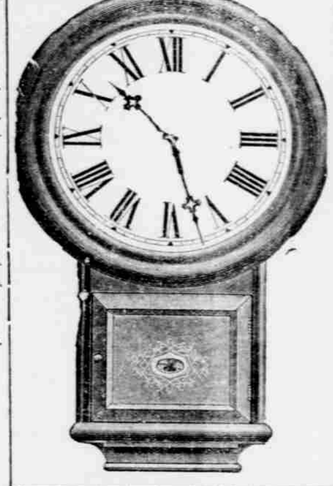

**WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWEL

A BIG BLOCK BURNED.

The Fire Loss at Philadelphia About $2,000,000.

WANAMAKER'S STORE SCORCHED.

Thirty Buildings Destroyed Before the Flames Were Gotten Under Control. Several Firemen Injured — One Man Dropped Dead—A List of the Losses.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The fire here destroyed one of the most valuable blocks of real estate in the city. It was the block bounded by Market, Thirteenth, Filbert and Juniper streets, in the very heart of the city. A few steps to the right looms the massive city hall: around the corner stands the Pennsylvania railroad terminal and directly across the way John Wanamaker's great store stretches from street to street. So fierce was the flame and so strong the wind which aided its destructive work that even this building, distant the width of Market street, was saved almost by a miracle from total destruction and Mr. Wanamaker places his loss at $100,000.

The total loss is variously estimated at from $1,000,000 to $2,500,000, but in the chaos and confusion now existing it is all but impossible to secure accurate figures. The losses are very generally covered by insurance.

The fire originated in the basement of the six story building, extending from 1309 to 1317 Market street, occupied in the lower floors by Hanscom Bros., grocers, and above by the umbrella factory of Hirsch Bros. The smoke was discovered by a policeman, who promptly turned in an alarm, but the fire made such headway that before the engines could be put to work the building was a mass of flames. With uncontrollable rapidity it then spread in all directions, destroying about 30 buildings before it had been finally controlled. The fire reached the big tower of Wanamaker's store about an hour after it started and the energies of the department were concentrated upon saving that building. The tower was entirely destroyed and other damage done.

The buildings wholly or partially destroyed and the estimated losses were:

Markset street—1301-03, Potter & Co., photographers; John Hillam, druggist, $30,000; 1305, C. K. Sterner, cigars, $27,000; 1307, H. L. Roberts & Co., photographers, $75,000; 1309-17, Hirsh & Bros., umbrellas; Hanscom Bros., grocers; A. W. Dennett, restaurant, $400,000; 1319, Blum Bros., cloaks and suits, $90,000; 1321, A. Marshall, restaurant, $3,900; 1323, C. B. Wells, hats, $8,000; 1325, John Dickson, heaters, $40,000; 1327, Showell and Freyer, grocers, $110,000.

A number of small three-story structures on Thirteenth street, up to Filbert, assessed in all at about $150,000, and four buildings on Filbert street about $75,000, including the six-story printing house of Dunlap & Clark, valued at $150,000.

Wanamaker's loss on stock will reach $25,000 and Hirsh & Bros. $200,000.

Several firemen were injured, but none seriously, and one man dropped dead of excitement.

FEW HUNGRY IN CHICAGO.

The Suffering Relieved by Systematic Work—$35,000 Subscribed.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—The quick response of the citizens to Mayor Swift's appeal has resulted in the relief of suffering in Chicago with rapidity and to an extent far beyond expectation. Through the systematic canvass of the police and the prompt attention to the cases reported by the officers it is safe to say that but few persons are suffering in Chicago from cold or hunger. During 48 hours not less than 1,200 families were supplied through the police with food and fuel.

The work of the police was reinforced by that of the lettercarries who, acting on Postmaster Hesing's orders, gathered the names of the unfortunates on their routes and turned them in to the substations, the superintendents of which then reported to the police. The work of the Salvation Army was far reaching and the information in the hands of the "slum" workers was used to great advantage in the relief work.

Mayor Swift has been busy receiving subscriptions to the relief fund. Fully $35,000 being subscribed.

MANUFACTURERS' CONVENTION.

Search Delivered His Annual Address. A Tariff Committee.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 27.—The second annual convention of the National Association of Manufacturers is in session in Horticultural hall. There are nearly 300 delegates present. The address of welcome was to have been delivered by Mayor Warwick, but owing to his being required at the scene of the fire, Charles Heber Clark acted in his stead. Immediately after this, President Search announced the annual committees of the convention, after which he delivered his annual address.

Charles Heber Clark, Pennsylvania; G. J. Seabury, New York; F. S. Fish, Indiana; J. F. Hanson, Georgia, and L. B. Jewell, Connecticut, were appointed a committee on tariff.

The special tariff committee met in the Manufacturers' club. While nothing would be stated officially, it was understood that the committee favored a strong protective tariff and reciprocity.

A CLASH WITH ECKELS.

Trouble Arises Over the Bank Failure at Newport, Ky.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 27.—A sensational feature has arisen in the settlement of the affairs of the First National bank of Newport, which seems to involve a clash between the state court and the comptroller of the currency.

Some of the depositors have filed a suit asking for the appointment of a receiver, alleging that the directors have abandoned the management of the affairs of the bank and that Cashier Youtsey, who owes the bank $150,000, is disposing of his property and giving preference to certain creditors. No officer of the bank appeared to oppose the application and Judge Helm granted it and it is said will appoint John T. Hodge receiver. By what means the order of the court will be enforced is not made apparent. Receiver Wilshire, appointed by Comptroller Eckels, is still in charge.

Hollidaysburg Bank Starts Up.

HOLLIDAYSBURG, Pa., Jan. 27.—National Bank Examiner Bingham of Philadelphia today transferred the broken First National bank of Hollidaysburg to the new organization, which opened the bank with 100 per cent of new capital. Prothonotary J. T. Hartman will be president and J. G. Swope of Mt. Pleasant, Pa., cashier. This bank was closed by a run on Dec. 14. The Martinsburg Deposit bank and the Williamsburg bank, which were branches, will not reopen.

Likely to Fight In Nevada.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 27.—The Corbett-Fitzsimmons glove contest will take place in close proximity to one of three Nevada towns, viz: Carson, Reno or Virginia City. A bill permitting such affairs has been introduced in the assembly at Carson and there is every indication that it will become a law within the next day or two.

Ice Bridge at Niagara.

NIAGARA FALLS, Jan. 27.—The cold is intense here and the glittering ice bridge has formed in the gorge. The frozen spray upon the trees of the parks and the faces of the cliffs present a dazzling spectacle and trains are bringing many sightseers.

SENATOR PENROSE RESIGNS.

Durham Likely to Succeed Him—The Legislature.

HARRISBURG, Jan. 27.—Senator Boies Penrose of Philadelphia today resigned his seat in the senate to take effect at once. It is conceded that Israel W. Durham will succeed him.

Among the bills introduced in the senate were: Kennedy (by request), to prohibit the publication in newspapers of the names of persons accused of committing a "crime, state or municipal." A fine of from $300 to $1,000 is provided, one-half to go to the informer or injured persons.

By Kennedy, a supplement to the act of 1895, providing for the incorporation of institutions of learning.

By White, an act making an appropriation to assist in the furnishing and maintenance of the Beaver Valley General hospital of Beaver county.

By Scott, an act establishing a dental council and a state board of dental examiners.

By Senator Mitchell, an act to provide for the health and safety of men, women and children employed in manufacturing and other establishments.

Among the bills introduced in the house were:

By Tillbrook, compelling the holding of nominating conventions in their respective districts.

By Pry, limiting the width of public roads to 100 feet, and making it the duty of the court to decide what breadth a highway shall be opened.

By Mansfield, appropriating $10,000 to the Beaver Valley General hospital.

By Martin, for the better regulation of billiard saloons and tenpin alleys and prohibiting minors from visiting of such places.

W. Stanley Wray of Mercer won the contract for the state printing and binding by the narrow margin of 1-100 per cent.

SLIGHT ACCIDENT NEAR TYRONE.

First Reports Very Much Exaggerated. A Relief Train Sent.

ALTOONA, Pa., Jan. 27.—The reports of the accident to a sleighing party near Tyrone were much exaggerated. A party of 18 young men and women of that town started in a large sled for a night's diversion at a farmhouse in Eden valley, several miles east of Tyrone. While descending a small embankment leading from the railroad tracks, the brakes failed to hold and the sled slipped over the embankment, falling five feet.

Miss Alice Hadden of Washington, and Miss Jennie Stover of Bellefonte, both of whom were visiting in Tyrone, were picked up unconscious, but they were not seriously injured. The party suffered mainly from the intense cold. The news of the accident reached Tyrone in a sensational form, and the railroad authorities promptly sent to the scene a relief train with four physicians. At a late hour the party was returned to Tyrone and all were able to walk to their homes.

TO PROMOTE WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE.

The National Convention Now Being Held at Des Moines.

DES MOINES, Jan. 27.—The National American Woman's Suffrage association annual meeting has a fair attendance. Seventeen states are represented. Among those on the committee on resolutions are: Ohio, Dr. Viola Swift; Pennsylvania, Mrs. Mary B. Luckin.

Rachael Foster Avery, corresponding secretary, reported over 2,000 articles published during the past year in nearly 700 papers, read by more than 1,000,000 people in 49 states. Although national headquarters at Philadelphia has done good work during the past year at an expense of $1,300, she recommended the removal of headquarters to New York to co-operate with the national organization.

Susan B. Anthony, president, gave her annual address. It was devoted largely to a statement of the work in California, which she regarded as very satisfactory. She said that California's defeat is simply victory deferred, for the legislature is sure to resubmit an amendment and they will be victorious in November, 1898. Nevada, Oregon, Washington and Montana are also likely to have suffrage campaigns and prospects for success are good. She urged a more thorough local organization for the education of voters.

Rev. Anna Howard Shaw of Philadelphia also reported on the work in California.

Laura Clay of Kentucky spoke for that state, telling of satisfactory progress in the recognition of women upon state boards and in special legislation asked for by women.

CHOLERA MAY FOLLOW FAMINE.

A Correspondent Reports Dire Distress In Bijapur, India.

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BIJAPUR, Presidency of Bombay, Jan. 27.—The special correspondent of the Associated Press, who is visiting the distressed provinces of India, has arrived at Bijapur, about 245 miles southeast of Bombay, and finds in this district the keenest distress, especially among the people of the lower castes. These are on the verge of starvation and are only saved from it by the government relief work, which enables them to earn enough money to at least keep body and soul together while awaiting the brighter state of affairs which recent rains are expected to provide later in the year.

It is estimated that fully one-tenth of the cattle in this district have already perished from lack of fodder, and the loss from this cause will undoubtedly be considerably increased between now and the growing of the new crops. In the fields can be seen lying numbers of carcasses of animals being devoured by vultures. There are many gangs of robbers engaged in pillaging grain-stores whenever an opportunity arises, and the prisons are full of thieves who have been captured while stealing grain or in attempting to do so. Among the masses there are many cases of illness, arising from lack of proper nourishment and it is regarded as certain that cholera will reach this district sooner or later, owing to the carelessness of the people.

A COSTLY RAILROAD WRECK.

The Atlantic City Disaster Cost Almost a Million In Claims

CAMDEN, N. J., Jan. 27.—The railroad accident which occurred on the Atlantic City meadows last summer, when a Philadelphia and Reading flyer ran into a West Jersey train, and resulted in the killing of 44 people and the injuring of about 100 more, has proven a very costly one to the railroads.

Since the accident the companies have been settling the claims for damages outside of courts. It is estimated that thus far they have paid out in damages a sum amounting to nearly $1,000,000.

One of the latest claims to be settled is that of Mrs. Samuel Mita. She brought suit for $90,000 damages for the death of her husband and one daughter and the injuring of herself and a son. The company it is said has given her $30,000 in settlement.

Funeral of Minister Willis.

LOUISVILLE, Jan. 27.—The funeral service over the remains of Albert S. Willis, late minister to Hawaii, was held at the First Christian church and the greatest simplicity characterized every detail. Rev. E. L. Powell of the Christian church, and Rev. Reverdy Estell, of St. Paul's Episcopal church, conducted the service. The burial, at the request of Mrs. Willis, was private.

Turpie Finished His Speech.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Mr. Turpie (Ind.) has closed his speech on the Cuban resolutions in the senate, urging that Spain had utterly failed to quell the outbreak and that the United States should intervene.

MISSION OF WOLCOTT.

Silver Men Deride It In the Senate.

CONFERENCE BILL CONSIDERED.

White Says There Is No Purpose to Oppose the Measure, but Declares It Will Do No Good—Stewart Offers an Amendment to the Bill.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The Wolcott bill for an international monetary conference has been considered for the first time in the senate. Mr. White (Dem., Cal.), and Mr. Cannon (Ind., Utah) and Mr. Daniel (Dem., Va.) urged that the conference would be futile and was not intended as a serious movement toward bimetallism.

Mr. White spoke derisively of Mr. Wolcott's trip to Europe as the representative of the coming administration in behalf of bimetallism. This envoy antecedent had not met with the most hearty reception, if the cable reports could be believed, but had been referred by British statesmen to their brothers on the continent. Mr. White said the senator from New Hampshire (Chandler), in his leisure hours from the senate, edited a newspaper which contained an article which Mr. White had read at the desk amid some amusement. It spoke of Senator Sherman as the great leader who would solve the problem of bimetallism.

Turning to Mr. Sherman, Mr. White asked the Ohio senator if he was ready to assume the task mapped out for him. There was no purpose so far as he knew, Mr. White proceeded to oppose this measure, as it was felt to be harmless, while it might satisfy its promoters who might feel that it kept some of their promises, yet, with this act, they were doomed to certain failure. When it had remained unacted upon, some other device might be resorted to. The senator referred to the lonesomeness of the proposed commission, going about and seeking nations with whom to confer. He doubted if anyone would be appointed to this commission, unless some large emolument was attached to the places. It was a futile movement, declared the senator, and having relieved themselves of the financial question by this harmless device, its promoters would then turn their attention to levying more taxes.

Mr. Cannon (Ind. Utah) urged an amendment directing the president of the United States to call the conference, and reciting that the purpose was toward securing a ratio between 15 to 1 and 16 to 1. He said the Wolcott bill merely relieved Mr. McKinley, leaving him the mere administrative duty of appointing commissioners.

There was a belief, he said, that Mr. McKinley, in his holy of holies, entertains a conviction favorable to bimetallism and the bill should be made broad enough to permit the coming president to aid in the accomplishment of this great end, instead of retiring into a passive and administrative attitude. As to international conferences in general, Mr. Cannon said he had little faith in them, and it would be about as difficult to galvanize life into one of the Pharaohs as to get any definite results from such a conference. The senator referred also to Mr. Wolcott's trip to Europe and said little was to be expected from this "dilletante dalliance" with great questions involved.

Mr. Stewart (Pop., Nev.) offered an amendment providing that in case the international conference failed to effect an agreement as to bimetallism then, within 30 days after the adjournment of the conference, the secretary of the treasury shall coin all gold and silver brought to the mints into standard silver dollars and such gold coins as are now provided by law.

Mr. Daniel, referring to Mr. Wolcott's trip, said it was a remarkable and pathetic spectacle to see this sojourn to the foot of the British throne. The American people going to Lombard street and seeking interviews with European financiers presented an impressive picture which deserved a place in the rotunda of the capitol. The senator referred satirically to a crusade for bimetallism in which Mr. Sherman was to be at the head of the crusade.

EX-QUEEN LIL'S RECEPTION.

The Public Visits Her at Her Hotel In Washington.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani has held a reception for two hours at her rooms in the Shoreham. It was her purpose to confine the reception mainly to newspaper men and such persons in official life as cared to call. However, the ladies in the hotel soon passed the news of the affair to their friends elsewhere and in consequence the small parlor set apart for the callers was well crowded with persons, mostly of the fair sex, and generally animated by a feeling of curiosity to see the woman who had been a queen and had filled a page in the history of Polynesia.

The queen was assisted in the reception of visitors by her lady-in-waiting, Miss Kia Nahaolelua, and by her secretary and agent, Joseph Haleluhe, both native Hawaiians. Mr. Palmer, acting as her chamberlain, received the callers at the doorway and presented them to the receiving party. The queen was becomingly attired in a black silk gown trimmed with royal purple and bore herself with great dignity, responding aptly to the salutations of her callers, and having a pleasant word for everyone. Whether or not she will again receive the public in Washington is not known, and when she was asked the question how long she intended to remain here she replied that she did not know; she found it so pleasant in Washington that she had as yet given no thought to departure.

WARMER WEATHER PROMISED.

Light Snows Predicted For This Section of the Country.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The weather bureau issues the following:

The temperature has risen slowly from the Atlantic coast westward over the Ohio and Upper Mississippi valley and the northwest. It continues low and has fallen slightly in the southwest and it has fallen decidedly on the central gulf and West Florida coasts, where it is below freezing.

The temperature will remain about stationary today in the Middle Atlantic states north of Virginia with fair weather and it will rise slowly in the central valleys, with light local snows.

The high winds, which have prevailed on the Atlantic coast north of Hatteras, due to the depression in the lower St. Lawrence valley, have been succeeded by brisk northwesterly winds, which will continue today, the depression having passed to the eastward of Nova Scotia.

The forecast for West Virginia, Western Maryland, Western Pennsylvania and Ohio is as follows:

Fair in the morning, with increasing cloudiness; probably local snows in the afternoon or night; not so cold; northerly to westerly winds.

Cuban Resolutions Passed.

ALBANY, Jan. 27.—In the senate there was a long debate over the Cuban resolutions passed by the assembly last week. After being amended so as to call for recognition of the belligerent rights of insurgents, the resolutions were adopted.

Poisoned by Eating Apples.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Jan. 27.—Three children of George Madison have been poisoned to death mysteriously by eating apples. His wife and boy are also ill.

FUN IN THE HOUSE.

Indian Appropriation Bill Occasions Witty Remarks.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—A good deal of fun developed in the house over the Indian appropriation bill.

Murphy (A. T.) doubted the good results of the present system of education.

Mahon (Rep., Pa.) made a special defense of the Carlisle Indian school.

Curtis (Rep., Kan.) defended Indian education, but admitted that it was a pity that educated Indians were returned to the poor soil of Arizona, but where the Indians had good tillable lands he denied that they returned to savagery. He paid a high tribute to the work the educated Indians were doing in Kansas and other states.

"Have not the Indians developed great powers in football?" asked Mr. Grosvenor (O.).

"I believe they have."

"And is not football considered, in our modern colleges, the highest test of culture and civilization?" [Laughter.]

Mr. Hartman (Mon.) offered an amendment which produced a howl of laughter, recalling as it did, the recent exposures in connection with the notorious Seeley dinner in New York. It provided for an appropriation of $1,000,000,000 for the education and civilization of the "Seeley savages of the Manhattan reservation." The house greeted the reading of the amendment with a hearty laugh. Mr. Hartman made no remarks upon it and it was ruled out on the point of order that it was "new legislation."

AN ANSWER TO RODRIGUEZ.

President Hitchcock Claims Nicaragua Canal Company Has Done Its Part.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—Hiram Hitchcock, president of the Nicaragua Canal company, has written a letter to Secretary Olney in reply to Senor Rodriguez' statement, which the secretary sent to the senate.

Mr. Hitchcock says that when Senor Rodriguez says the company has forfeited its charter because of neglect to make the surveys as required, "he omits to inform you that the final surveys and location of the canal were made and concluded by a commission of engineers in strict conformity with article 47 of the concession and were formally accepted by the government of Nicaragua on Oct. 8, 1889."

Mr. Hitchcock also asserts that the company has fully complied with the requirements of the concession. "The letter of the minister," he concludes, "is an attack upon the integrity of the Maritime Canal company, and its concessions; and on behalf of that company I ask the protection and aid of the government of the United States in the defense and maintenance of its concessionary rights and its property."

SHERMAN SURE TO RESIGN.

Grosvenor Denies the Senator Might Reconsider His Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—General Grosvenor of Ohio declines to discuss the rumors from Ohio as to the probability that Governor Bushnell will appoint Lieutenant Governor Jones to the vacancy in the senate upon the retirement of Senator Sherman, except to say that the sentiment in Ohio, as expressed in the newspapers, seemed to him overwhelmingly in favor of Mr. Hanna. With regard to the rumor that Senator Sherman might reconsider his acceptance of the state portfolio in case Mr. Hanna was not appointed to succeed him he expressed himself most emphatically.

"Mr. Sherman," said he, "was tendered the premiership by Mr. McKinley on his own merits. He accepted, and he would have no right now to repudiate his acceptance because of dissatisfaction with matters growing out of his retirement from the senate, and, moreover, I can say most positively that he has no intention of reconsidering his action."

HANNA VISITED CANTON.

Public Reception to McKinley In Canton to Occur Feb. 22.

CANTON, O., Jan. 27.—National Chairman M. A. Hanna called on Major McKinley last evening and remained over until today. He had nothing to say when called on by reporters.

Five Brooklyn gentlemen called on Major McKinley in the interest of Congressman Francis H. Wilson of Brooklyn for the cabinet.

It has been definitely arranged that the farewell reception to Major and Mrs. McKinley will be held on the afternoon of Feb. 22. The reception will be for Cantonians in general who wish to bid Major and Mrs. McKinley goodby. It will be under the auspices of the Business Men's association, which will arrange details.

CHICAGO, Jan. 27.—Mrs. McKinley is in this city visiting the McWilliams family.

THE MARKETS.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26.

WHEAT—No. 1 red, 91@92c; No. 2 red, 90@91c, spring wheat, 89@90c.

CORN—No. 2 yellow ear, 27@27½c; No. 2 shelled, 25@25½c; high mixed shelled, 24½@24¾c.

OATS—No. 1 white, 24@24½c; No. 2 do, 23@23½c; extra No. 3 white, 22@22½c; light mixed, 20@21c.

HAY—No. 1 timothy, $12.00@12.25; No. 2 do, $10.50@10.75; packing, $6.50@7.25; No. 1 feeding prairie, $8.00@8.25; wagon hay, $14.00@15.00 for timothy.

POULTRY—Large live chickens, 65@75c per pair; live chickens, small, 40@50c; dressed 9@11c per pound; live ducks, 65@75c per pair; dressed, 8@10c per pound; live turkeys, 10@11c per pound; dressed, 13@14c; live geese, $1.00@1.25 per pair.

OAME—Pheasants, $4.50@5.00 per dozen; quail, $1.15@1.25 per dozen; rabbits, 15@20c per pair; squirrels, 10@15c; wild turkeys, $1.50; prairie hens, $6.50@7.00 per dozen; whole deer, 12½@13c per pound; saddles, 18@20c.

BUTTER—Elgin prints, 24c; creamery, 22½@23c; Ohio fancy creamery, 19@22½c; fancy country roll, 14@15c; low grade and cooking, 8@10c.

CHEESE—Fancy New York full cream, 11½@12c; Ohios, full cream, late make, 10@10½c; new Wisconsin Swiss, in tubs, 11½@12c; limburger, new, 10@11c; Ohio Swiss, in tubs, 11½c; Swiss, in square blocks, 10@11c.

EGGS—Strictly fresh Pennsylvania and Ohio, in cases, 16@17c; Southern, 13@14c; storage, 11@12c.

PITTSBURG, Jan. 26.

CATTLE—Supply light Monday, 40 cars on sale; market active; prices 10c higher; today receipts light, market steady. We quote prices: Prime, $4.8 @5.00; good, $4.50@4.65; tidy, $4.25@4.40; good butchers', $4.00@4.10; fair, $3.50@3.75; feeders, $3.60@4.00; bulls, stags and cows, $2.00@3.60; bologna cows, $30.00@15.00; fresh cows and springers, $20.00@40.00.

HOGS—Receipts light; market a shade lower. We quote the following prices: Best medium and prime light, $3.75@3.80; common to fair, $3.65@3.70; heavy, $3.45@3.55; roughs, $2.50@3.20.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Supply on Monday light, 20 cars on sale; market for sheep strong; lambs 10c higher; receipts today, 5 cars; market firm. We quote: Prime, $4.00@4.10; good, $3.80@3.90; fair, $3.50@3.60; common, $2.50@3.10; culls, $1.50@2.00. Lambs—Choice, $5.10@5.25; common to good, $4.00@5.00; veal calves, $6.50@7.00; heavy and thin calves, $3.00@4.00.

CINCINNATI, Jan. 26.

HOGS—Market active and strong at $2.85@3.60. Receipts, 3,800 head; shipments, 2,200 head.

CATTLE—Market steady at $2.50@4.50. Receipts, 100 head; shipments, 200 head.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market active for sheep at $2.50@4.00. Receipts, 500 head; shipments, 100 head. Lambs—Market firm at $3.75@5.25.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.

WHEAT—Spot market weak: No. 1 hard, 94½c.

CORN—Spot market easy: No. 2, 28¼c.

OATS—Spot market weak: No. 2, 23¾c.

CATTLE—No trading. European cables quote American steers at 11@12c per pound dressed weight; sheep at 8@9c per pound dressed weight; refrigerator beef at 9@10c per pound.

SHEEP AND LAMBS—Market for sheep steady but very quiet. Sheep, $3.00@4.50; lambs, $4.75@5.60.

HOGS—Market easier at $3.70@4.10.

Two Weeks in Florida.

To see Florida is a pleasure; to visit it is a privilege; but to spend a fortnight within its borders is an epoch. There is a great satisfaction in witnessing the ripening of tropical fruits in their own native land, and a peculiar joy in wrestling with old ocean's waves when lakes and rivers at home are all icebound. One appreciates the wonders of modern invention and railroad development upon leaving the neighborhood of skating one day and finding himself in the vicinity of good bathing the next. Yet this can be done, and the man who prefers hunting or fishing will take his accoutrements along with him, for Florida extends a cordial invitation to all sportsmen.

Whoever would exchange for two weeks the uncertain climate of the North for the delightful and Spring-like sunshine of Florida should take the personally conducted Jacksonville tour of the Pennsylvania railroad which leaves New York by special train January 26th. Excursion tickets for this tour, including railway transportation, Pullman accommodations (one berth,) and meals en route in both directions while traveling on the special train, will be sold at the following rates: New York, $50.00; Philadelphia $48.00; Canandaigua, $52.85; Erie, $54.85; Wilkesbarre, $50.35; Pittsburg, $53.00, and at proportionate rates from other points.

For tickets, itineraries, and other information apply to ticket agents, tourist agent at 1196 Broadway, New York, or to Geo. W. Boyd, assistant general passenger agent, Broad Street station, Philadelphia. Jan. 22 2t.

Reduced Rates to Washington

For the benefit of those who desire to attend the ceremonies incident to the inauguration of President-elect McKinley, the Pennsylvania railroad company will sell excursion tickets to Washington March 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th, valid to return from March 4th to 8th, at the following rates: From Pittsburg, $10.00; Uniontlon, $10.00; Connellsville, $9.80; Greensburg, $9.80; Butler, 10.00; Allegheny Valley Junction, $12.00; Johnstown, $9.80; Harrisburg, $5.00 and from all stations on the Pennsylvania Railroad system at reduced rates.

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